"SO THAT'S IT," SAID THE GIRL, "WITH THE FINAL BLOW BEING THAT OUR BEARERS PANICKED AND DESERTED US."
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CHARLES LAUGHTON WAS ANGUISHED "I-I'M SORRY, BUT I TOLD YOU--I MUST HAVE BLACKED OUT--"
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"BLACKED OUT!" JUNE RETORTED "WHY, YOU BLUBBERING COWARD--YOU FAINTED!"

JUNE LAVER TOLD ABOUT A GORILLA HUNT AND HOW HER HUSBAND'S COWARDICE CAUSED THE DEATH OF THEIR HUNTER.
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"DON'T CONDEMN HIM TOO MUCH," SUGGESTED TARZAN. "MANY MEN FALTER WHEN THEY FIRST FACE DANGER."
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"PERHAPS," LUKE RETORTED, "BUT HOW MANY ARE LEFT WITH A DEAD MAN ON THEIR CONSCIENCE?"

"WELL CHARLES," TAUNTED JANE, "WE WILL RETURN NOW TO RE-ENACT THIS 'ACCIDENT,' THEN YOU CAN SETTLE BACK IN YOUR PLUSH OFFICE—"
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"NO!" CHARLES EXCLAIMED "I MEAN-WELL, I'D LIKE TO TRY ONCE MORE."
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HE APPEALED TO TARZAN, "PLEASE, WILL YOU HELP? I'VE GOT TO REGAIN MY SELF-RESPECT."
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THE APEMAN CONSENTED TO HELP CHARLES LAVER, AND FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS THEY HUNTED IN THE BUSH
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CHARLES LAVER AND THE APEMAN CAUTIOUSLY FOLLOWED THE SPOOR OF THE CAT--
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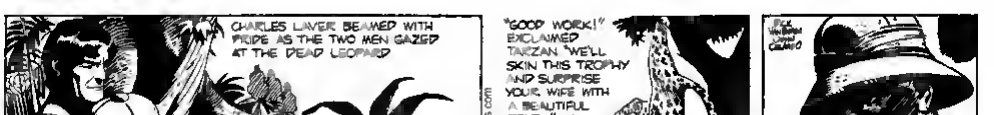
HOWEVER, A SURPRISE WAS IN STORE--
FOR THE WILY LEOPARD HAD BACKTRACKED AND NOW LEAPED FOR TARZAN--
BUT THIS TIME LAVER DID NOT FLINCH!


CHARLES LAVER BEAMED WITH PRIDE AS THE TWO MEN GAZED AT THE DEAD LEOPARD
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"GOOD WORK!" EXCLAIMED TARZAN. "WE'LL SKIN THIS TROPHY AND SURPRISE YOUR WIFE WITH A BEAUTIFUL PELT--"
Rick Weatherbee as CHARLES LAVER
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LAVER SIGHED "I HOPE SO--- BUT IT PROBABLY WON'T CHANGE HER ATTITUDE TOWARD ME!"
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"I WAS JUST WONDERING," SAID TARZAN, AS THE MEN TRUDGED TOWARD CAMP "HOW LONG WERE YOU UNCONSCIOUS DURING THE GORILLA EPISODE?"
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CHARLES LOOKED UP CURIOUSLY "ABOUT AN HOUR, I GUESS-- WHY?"
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THE HUNTERS RETURNED TO CAMP AFTER CHARLES LAVER CONQUERED HIS FEAR AND SHOT A LEOPARD
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CHARLES BEAMED WITH BOYISH PRIDE. "LOOK--I BAGGED HIM MYSELF!"
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"VERY GOOD--" SAID JUNE. "BUT DOES THAT BRING JOHNSON BACK TO LIFE?"
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DARKNESS FELL. JUNE'S INDIFFERENCE HAD SPOILED THE VICTORY OF THE HUNT AND THE MEN WORKED SILENTLY.
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THE GIRL'S BEHAVIOR WAS INDEED STRANGE, THOUGHT TARZAN. WHAT COULD THE REASON REALLY BE??
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AT THIS MOMENT A GROUP OF HOSTILE FIGURES GATHERED OUTSIDE THE CAMP.
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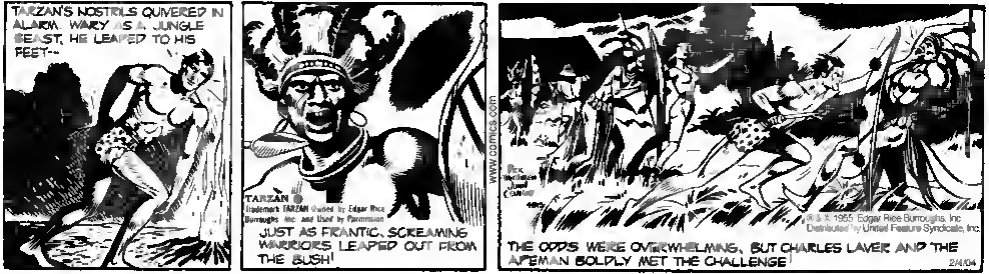
TARZAN'S NOSTRILS QUIVERED IN ALARM. WARY AS A JUNGLE BEAST, HE LEAPED TO HIS FEET--
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JUST AS FRANTIC, SCREAMING WARRIORS LEAPED OUT FROM THE BUSH!
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THE ODDS WERE OVERWHELMING, BUT CHARLES LAVER AND THE APEMAN BOLDLY MET THE CHALLENGE!
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AFTER A BRIEF BUT FURIOUS BATTLE, THE APEMAN AND THE LAVENS WERE FORCED TO SURRENDER TO THEIR OVERPOWERING FOES.
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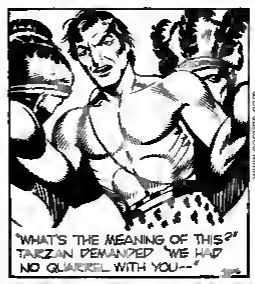
"WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?" TARZAN DEMANDED. "WE HAD NO QUARREL WITH YOU--"
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"SILENCE!" BELLOWED THE LEADER. "JUST THANK YOUR GODS THAT YOU STILL LIVE!"

TARZAN AND THE LAVERS WERE DISARMED AND HURRIEDLY LED THROUGH THE FOREST BY THEIR CAPTORS.

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SOON THE GROUP ARRIVED AT A NATIVE VILLAGE. "O MATULA GREAT CHIEF," SAID THE AMBUSH LEADER, "HERE ARE THE ONES."
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CHIEF MATULA ADDRESSED THE CAPTIVES. "YOU HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF CONSPIRACY AND OF PLOTTING MY DEATH--"
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"RIDICULOUS!" SNAPPED TARZAN. "WHAT PROOF CAN YOU GIVE FOR THIS CHARGE?"
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"OUR WITCH DOCTOR WILL SOON EMERGE FROM HIS HOUSE OF MAGIC," REPLIED MATULA. "HE WILL GIVE THE PROOF"
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TO THEIR BEWILDERMENT, TARZAN AND THE LAVERS WERE CAPTURED BY NATIVES AND CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY
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--AND FOR PROOF OF GUILT," SAID THE CHIEFTAIN, "HEAR YOUR ACCUSER--SOBITO, THE ALL-KNOWING!
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THERE WAS A REVERENT SILENCE AND ALL EYES TURNED TOWARD A PROUD, STRANGELY ORNAMENTED CREATURE--THE WITCH DOCTOR!
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THE WITCH DOCTOR, FLANKED BY TWO HAND-MAIDENS, DRAMATICALLY APPROACHED AN ENTHRALLED AUDIENCE.
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JOE
CRANDALL
HE PRODUCED A SMOKING FLAGON, THEN ORDERED THE WOMEN TO PLACE FOUR GOURDS ON A LOG.
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"WATCH CAREFULLY," HE HISSED TO SCRITO, "WOULD DEMONSTRATE MY MAGIC AND POWER."

"I OFFER A TEST TO DETERMINE OUR ENEMIES," SCREECHED SOBITO "AND NOT ONLY WILL THE ACCUSED DRINK MY POTIONS--"
DICK VAN BUREN JOHN CELARDO
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"--BUT I, TOO, WILL PARTICIPATE-- FOR THE INNOCENT CANNOT BE AFFECTED."
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"WE'LL HAVE TO AGREE" WHISPERED TARZAN GRIMLY "OTHERWISE, WE ADMIT OUR GUILT."
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THERE WAS A COMMAND FROM SOBITO, AND THE PRISONERS SELECTED THEIR GOUEDS.
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AND THEN, SECRETLY, THE WITCH DOCTOR HANDED A HIDDEN OBJECT TO JUNE LAVER!
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THIS MYSTERIOUS GESTURE WAS UNDISCOVERED, HOWEVER, AND NOW THE "CONTESTANTS" BEGAN TO DRINK!
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TENSION PREVAILED, FOR NO ONE SEEMED TO REACT TO THE WITCH DOCTOR'S POTION--
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BUT SUDDENLY CHARLES LAVER SCREAMED AND DOUBLED UP IN PAIN--
AND THEN TARZAN COLLAPSED WITH VIOLENT STOMACH CRAMPS--YET JUNE AND SOBITO REMAINED UNAFFECTED!
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SOBITO STOOP CONTEMPTUOUSLY OVER THE WRITHING FORMS OF TARZAN AND LAVER. "THERE ARE YOUR CONSPIRATORS!" HE GLOATED
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"THEY WOULD HAVE ASSASSINATED MATULA! THEREFORE THEY THEMSELVES MUST DIE--TOMORROW!"

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"...S FOR THE WOMAN," HE CONCLUDED SLYLY. "SEND HER TO MY HUT FOR QUESTIONING--- I HAVE SPOKEN."

TARZAN AND LAVER RECEIVED SENTENCES AFTER SOBITO'S "POISON" TRIAL. QUICKLY NOW THEY WERE BOUND AND THROWN INTO A HUT FOR THE CONDEMNED
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THE APEMAN WAS GRIM. "OF COURSE, YOU REALIZE THAT WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL MYSTERY--"
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CHARLES NODDED SADLY. "YES--WHY MY WIFE WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THE DRINK."

"IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SOBITO TRICKED US," MUSED TARZAN. "AND WANTED YOUR WIFE TO GO FREE--"
"BUT WHY?" LAMENTED LAVER. "CAN'T WE ESCAPE AND TRY TO SOLVE THIS THING?"
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THE APEMAN GLANCED OUTSIDE. "NOT NOW," HE REPLIED SOFTLY. "FOUR GUARDS WOULD NEED LITTLE EXCUSE TO USE THEIR SPEARS."

...IT WAS DAWN, AND THE VILLAGE WAS ROUSED BY A MELANCHOLY DRUMBEAT.
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THERE THEY GAZED AT AN OMINOUS SETTING. "THERE IS YOUR PUNISHMENT," SOBITO CACKLED. "DEATH BY HANGING!"
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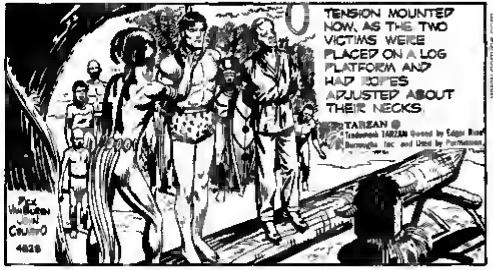
TENSION MOUNTED NOW, AS THE TWO VICTIMS WERE PLACED ON A LOG PLATFORM AND HAD ROPES ADJUSTED ABOUT THEIR NECKS.
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JUNE LAVER APPROACHED, SPOKE IN FINALITY "GOOD BYE, CHARLES— AND DON'T WORRY--I'LL MAKE OUT ALL RIGHT."

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"MY TENDER WIFE," REPLIED LAVER WITH BITTERNESS. "HOW COULD YOU DO OTHERWISE?"
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"YOUR TIME HAS COME!" TAUNTED THE WITCH DOCTOR "WAIT!" INTERRUPTED TARZAN "I HAVE WORDS FOR YOU ALONE"
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"A LAST-MINUTE PLEA?" SNEERED SOBITO, AND SWAGGERED UP TO THE APEMAN--
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BUT SUDDENLY, FURIOUSLY, HE RECEIVED A KICK IN THE HEAD AND WAS SENT REELING BACKWARD!
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THE WITCH DOCTOR FELL BACKWARD FROM TARZAN'S KICK, SPRAWLING TO THE GROUND HIS HEADDRESS CAME OFF--
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AND A BREATHTAKING, PARALYZING SHOCK GRIPPED EVERYONE--
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HERE WAS NO NATIVE, BUT A WHITE MAN-- JOHNSON, THE SUPPOSEDLY DEAD HUNTER!

BEFORE THE HANGING TOOK PLACE, THE "WITCH DOCTOR'S" HEADDRESS FELL OFF AND EXPOSED A FANTASTIC MASQUERADE
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ACTING SWIFTLY, VIOLENTLY, JOHNSON RUSHED FORWARD AND KICKED THE LOG OUT FROM UNDER TARZAN AND LAVER!
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THE SIGHT OF THE SUFFERING MEN FINALLY ROUSED CHIEF MATULA TO THEIR AID--
HE THEN TURNED TO ISSUE AN ORDER TO HIS GUARDS--
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AND THE VILLAINOUS JOHNSON WAS CUT DOWN, SCREAMING AS HE CRUMPLED TO HIS DEATH!
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THE TWO MEN TENDERLY RUBBED THEIR THROATS AFTER THE ROPES WERE REMOVED "CLOSE CALL," MURMURED CHARLES "I STILL CAN'T--"
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"BWANA!" EXCLAIMED MATULA, APPROACHING THE APEMAN-- "THE WOMAN PRISONER IS GONE!"
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"OF COURSE!" TARZAN SHOUTED "FIND HER AND I GUARANTEE WE GET THIS WHOLE FANTASTIC THING EXPLAINED!"

THE APEMAN PICKED UP A FRESH TRAIL, AND HE AND CHARLES SPED THROUGH THE FOREST AFTER JUNE LAVER...
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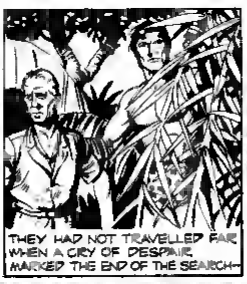
THEY HAD NOT TRAVELLED FAR WHEN A CRY OF DESPAIR MARKED THE END OF THE SEARCH!
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FOR JUST AHEAD THEY SAW HER, SPLATTERED WITH MUD AND BOGGED DOWN IN A MARSH!
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"ALL RIGHT, MRS. LAVER," SAID TARZAN, "YOUR INGENIOUS LITTLE PLAN HAS FAILED, AND THE CHASE IS OVER--"
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"YOU!" SHE HISSED, STRIKING HIM WITH HER HAND. "ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!"
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TARZAN RESPONDED QUIETLY, BUT WITH A COLD COMMANDING VOICE, "TELL THE WHOLE STORY, MRS LAVER-- NOW!"

RESIGNED AND BEATEN, JUNE LAVER CONSENTED TO TELL HER STORY "AS SOLE HEIR TO CHARLES ESTATE," SHE BEGAN...
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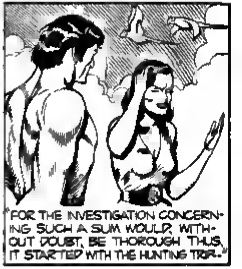
"I REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON TO SHARE THE MONEY AFTER HIS DEATH. BUT WE NEEDED A FOOLPROOF SCHEME--"


"FOR THE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING SUCH A SUM WOULD, WITHOUT DOUBT, BE THOROUGH. THUS, IT STARTED WITH THE HUNTING TRIP..."

"I MADE UP THE GORILLA EPISODE ON OUR HUNTING TRIP WHILE CHARLES WAS UNCONSCIOUS," CONTINUED JUNE. "THIS EXPLAINED JOHNSON'S DISAPPEARANCE--"
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"DURING WHICH TIME HE WENT TO THE NATIVE VILLAGE, DISPOSED OF THE REAL WITCH DOCTOR, AND ASSUMED HIS IDENTITY--"
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"THE REST YOU KNOW, EXCEPT THAT I DID NOT REACT TO THE POISON TIPS. FOR JOHNSON HAD SECRETLY GIVEN ME AN ANTIDOTE."

"AN ALMOST PERFECT CRIME," COMMENTED TARZAN "AFTER OUR EXECUTION THE CULPRITS SNEAK AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE TO REPORT THE TRAGEDY--"
PICK VON BUREN AND CHUCK CHIARO
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"JUNE'S ACCOUNT CAN BE VERIFIED BY A HUNDRED WARRIORS--AND WHO CAN DISPUTE JOHNSON'S ESCAPE FROM THE GORILLA--"
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"AND HOW HE STUMBLED UPON THE GIRL IN THE JUNGLE AND SAVED HER FROM THE CLUTCH OF THE WITCH DOCTOR?"

THE LAVER AFFAIR WAS DISSOLVED TARZAN ASKED SOME NATIVES TO AID CHARLES IN DELIVERING HIS WIFE TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES--
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THEN HE SPED BACK TO LAVER'S CAMP TO RETRIEVE HIS PRECIOUS WEAPONS--
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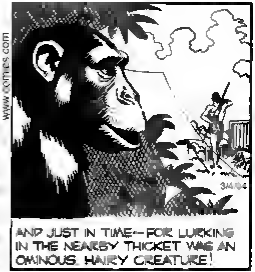
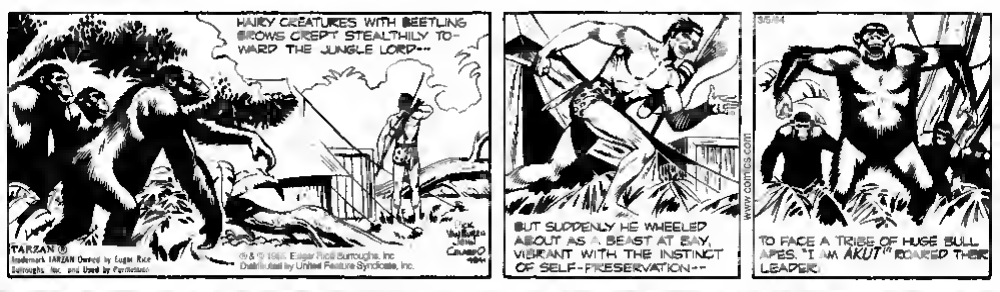

AND JUST IN TIME--FOR LURKING IN THE NEARBY THICKET WAS AN OMINOUS HAIRY CREATURE!


HAIRY CREATURES WITH BEETLING BROWS CREPT STEALTHILY TOWARD THE JUNGLE LORD--
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BUT SUDDENLY HE WHEELED ABOUT AS A BEAST AT BAY, VIBRANT WITH THE INSTINCT OF SELF-PRESERVATION--
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TO FACE A TRIBE OF HUGE BULL APES. "I AM AKUT" ROARED THEIR LEADER.

WITH A GUTTURAL SNARL OF DEFIANCE, TARZAN AWAITED THE CHARGE OF AKUT, THE KING BULL.
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THEN AMIDST HIDEOUS SHRIEKS AND BELLOWS APE AND APEMAN LOCKED IN BLOODY CONFLICT!

TARZAN CLASHED WITH AKUT, THE KING APE, IN A VICIOUS STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY.
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DECISIVELY, HOWEVER, HE WITHHELD HIS KNIFE, FOR HE SAW NO ADVANTAGE IN KILLING THE BEAST--
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STEEL MUSCLES THEN TENSED AND PAINFULLY PRESSED THE APE TO THE GROUND.
"KAGODA!" SHRIEKED AKUT. "I SURRENDER!"
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THE JUNGLE LORD NOW FACED THE ASTONISHED TRIBE. "I AM TARZAN, MIGHTY FIGHTER!" HE BELLOWED. "WHO DISPUTES MY VICTORY?"
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NO CHALLENGER ANSWERED AND THE APES BEGAN TO FEED, WHILE ACCEPTING TARZAN IN ACCORD WITH THEIR TRIBAL LAW--
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THAT IS, ALL BUT AKUT, WHO SLUNK AWAY TO NURSE HIS WOUNDS AND SMOLDER IN JEALOUSY

TARZAN WAS DISTURBED BY ACUTA'S SULLENNESS AND WONDERED HOW TO GAIN HIS FRIENDSHIP--
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AND ABRUPTLY, WITH A SCREAMING, SPITTING CHALLENGE, LAUNCHED ITSELF TOWARD THE GREAT APE!
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ROARING IN DEFIANCE, THE APEMAN INTERCEPTED THE PANTHER, AND TORE IT AWAY FROM ITS INTENDED VICTIM--
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SHEETA THRASHED ABOUT TO DISLODGE THIS TERRIBLE MAN-THING BUT TARZAN CLUNG TO HIS QUARRY -
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AND STEADILY, RELENTLESSLY, DROVE HIS KNIFE THROUGH THE GLOSSY HIDE!

TARZAN'S KNIFE PLUNK DEEP, AND WITH A FINAL AGONIZED SHUDDER, THE CAT COLLAPSED IN DEATH.
NOW THE APEMAN RAISED HIS HEAD, REVEALING SAVAGE, DISTORTED FEATURES--
HE PLACED A FOOT ON THE CARCASS AND GAVE VENT TO THE WILD, HIDEOUS CHALLENGE OF THE BULL APE THAT HAS KILLED!
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...AFTER WINNING AKUT'S LOYALTY TARZAN FELT PANGS OF HUNGER--
BUT HE DID NOT RELISH THE DIET OF HIS FRIEND!
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GERARDO
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HE SEARCHED NOW FOR FRESH GAME, MORE PALATABLE THAN BEETLES AND GRUBS--
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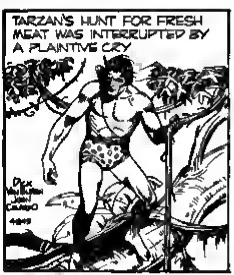
WHEN HE WAS SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED BY THE STRANGE WAIL OF A CREATURE IN DISTRESS!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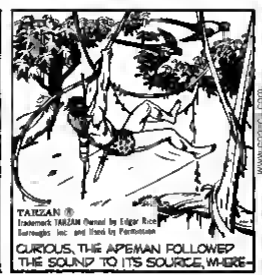
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CURIOUS, THE APEMAN FOLLOWED THE SOUND TO ITS SOURCE, WHERE-
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HE SAW A HUGE LION, HELPLESSLY PINNED BENEATH A FALLEN TREE
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ACTING ON IMPULSE, TARZAN DECIDED TO FREE THE LION AND STEPPED INTO THE TANGLE OF BRANCHES.
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HE EXERTED EVERY LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH TO MOVE THE TREE, AND THE CAT CRAWLED FROM BENEATH--
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BUT NOW, EVERY FACULTY ALERTED, TARZAN FACED NUMA. WOULD HE FIND A FRIEND--OR A PAIN-WRACKED ATTACKER?
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TENSE MOMENTS PASSED NUMA SHOWED NEITHER HOSTILITY NOR AMITY, SO TARZAN CHOSE TO RESUME HIS HUNT

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INDEED, HE HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN THE CARNIVORE AFTER SPOORING A BUFFALO TO A WATER HOLE—
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BUT WHEN HE JUMPED DOWN FOR THE KILL, A TAWNY ALLY SPRANG OUT FROM THE BUSH!
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TARZAN AND NUMA ATTACKED THE BUFFALO FROM DIFFERENT SIDES...
...IT DIDN'T TAKE BUT A FEW SECONDS TO BRING THE BRUTE DOWN--
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AND THEN THERE WAS THE VICTORY CRY OF THE BULL APE AND THE LION, BLENDED INTO ONE FRIGHTFUL AND UNCANNY SCREAM!
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TIME PASSED AND TARZAN AND NUMA BECAME INSEPARABLE COMPANIONS
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THEY ROAMED THE SPACIOUS JUNGLE, HUNTED AND DRANK TOGETHER--
BUT THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED! AKUT'S TRIBE APPEARED -- AND THE LION AND THE APE ARE HEREDITARY ENEMIES!
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THE APEMAN HAD A DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN RECONCILING NUMA AND THE TRIBE OF AKUT--
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BUT AFTER PERSEVERING WITH WILD THREATS AND COMMANDS, HE FINALLY EMERGED TRIUMPHANT
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THE WARREN GOLDEN CRADLE
THUS WERE JOINED THE SAVAGE SUBJECTS OF A JUNGLE MONARCH-- HERE WERE THE BEASTS OF TARZAN!
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...PEACE PREVAILED AMONG TARZAN AND HIS SAVAGE COMPANIONS AND THEY DRIFTED AIMLESSLY TOWARD THE COAST.
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FROM A HIGH CLIFF, THEY GAZED UPON THE BROAD EXPANSE OF OCEAN WATERS---
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BUT AN ALIEN OBJECT BELOW DISTURBED THE TRANQUIL SCENE--A SHIPWRECKED MAN!
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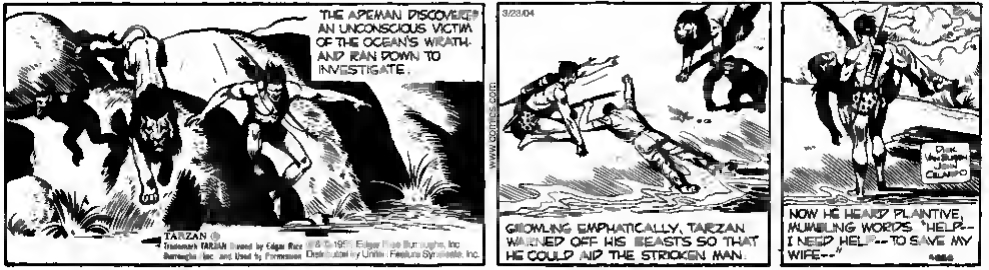
THE APEMAN DISCOVERS AN UNCONSCIOUS VICTIM OF THE OCEAN'S WRATH AND RAN DOWN TO INVESTIGATE.
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GROWLING EMPHATICALLY, TARZAN WARNED OFF HIS BEASTS SO THAT HE COULD AID THE STRICKEN MAN.
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NOW HE HEARD PLAINTIVE, MUMBLING WORDS. "HELP-- I NEED HELP-- TO SAVE MY WIFE--"

AFTER SEVERAL HOURS' CARE, THE STRANGER REVIVED AND WAS EAGER TO TALK. "MY NAME IS JOHN WILLIAMS, FROM LONDON--"
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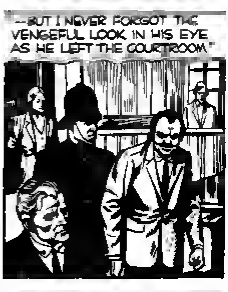
"TEN YEARS AGO, I WAS SOLE WITNESS TO A MURDER, COMMITTED BY ONE DAVID STEEL... I TESTIFIED, AND HE WAS SENTENCED--"


--BUT I NEVER FORGOT THE VENGEFUL LOOK IN HIS EYE AS HE LEFT THE COURTROOM."

"THE MURDER TRIAL SOON DIMMED" CONTINUED WILLIAMS. "AND FOR YEARS MY WIFE, LAURA, AND I LIVED PEACEFULLY--"
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"--UNTIL THE NIGHT TWO CUT-THROATS INVADED OUR HOME. WE WERE KIDNAPPED--"
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"--AND SMUGGLED ON BOARD A SCHOONER THAT WAS CAPTAINED BY AN ESCAPED CONVICT--NONE OTHER THAN DAVID STEEL!"
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"IT SEEMED AS IF WE SAILED FOR WEEKS," CONCLUDED WILLIAMS, "AND THEN I WAS PUT OFF, ALONE, ON A DESERTED ISLAND--"
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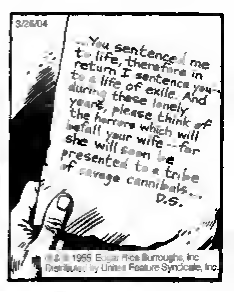
"READ THIS NOTE," ADDED JOHN BITTERLY. "IT WAS A PARTING GIFT FROM THE VINDICTIVE STEEL--"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--You sentenced me to life, therefore in return I sentence you to a life of exile. And during these lonely years, please think of the horrors which will befall your wife--for she will soon be presented to a tribe of savage cannibals... D.S.
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"THINK OF IT!" LAMENTED WILLIAMS. "MY POOR LAURA, IN THE HANDS OF CANNIBALS!"
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"I WAS SO FRANTIC THAT I PLUNGED OUT TO SEA ON A RAFT EAST AND THUS SUCCUMBED TO EXPOSURE—"
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"DON'T DESPAIR," SAID TARZAN ENCOURAGINGLY. "THE UGAMBI CANNIBAL VILLAGE IS BUT A FEW DAYS' MARCH—IF YOUR WIFE IS THERE, WE WILL SAVE HER!"
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JOHN WILLIAMS HAS APPEALED TO THE APE-MAN FOR HELP IN FINDING DAVID STEEL, AN ESCAPED CONVICT WHO ABDUCTED WILLIAMS' WIFE.
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THE WHOLE TROUPE STRUCK OUT FOR UGAMBI CANNIBAL COUNTRY--
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BUT THE BEASTS OF TARZAN SOON LAGGED BEHIND WHEN THEY BECAME DISTRACTED BY OTHER INTERESTS
THUS, AT THE DAY'S END, THE TRAVELERS APPROACHED A SMALL VILLAGE. "WE CAN REST HERE," SAID TARZAN, "AND PERHAPS GET INFORMATION."

TARZAN AND WILLIAMS NEARED A SUPPOSEDLY FRIENDLY NATIVE VILLAGE, YET WERE GREETED BY HOSTILE SILENCE
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'OPEN!' CALLED THE APEMAN "WE COME IN PEACE -- AND WANT SHELTER FOR THE NIGHT."
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SUDDENLY THE GATES MOVED, REVEALING A SCORE OF ARMED WARRIORS. "GO AWAY!" SNARLED A SPOKESMAN. "GO AWAY OR BE KILLED!"
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HOPING TO PACIFY THE NATIVES, TARZAN REMOVED HIS WEAPONS. "NOW," HE STATED, "I WOULD SPEAK WITH YOUR CHIEF."
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THERE WAS A BRIEF HESITATION, THEN THE GATES PARTED AND THE LINE OF WARRIORS FELL BACK.
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TARZAN WALKED ACROSS THE COMPOUND TO CONFRONT A SUSPICIOUS OLD MAN. "TALK WELL," HE SAID FLATLY, "YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT..."

FOR TWO HOURS, JOHN WILLIAMS PACED NERVOUSLY OUTSIDE THE STOCKADE FINALLY HE WAS SUMMONED BY A NATIVE GUARD
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JOHN ENTERED THE VILLAGE APPREHENSIVE AS TO THE APE-MAN'S INTERVIEW
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"IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW," SMILED TARZAN "AND I HAVE NEWS-- DAVID STEEL AND YOUR WIFE PASSED THROUGH HERE A WEEK AGO!"

FRIENDLY RELATIONS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE NATIVES AND TARZAN AND WILLIAMS WERE USHERED INTO COMFORTABLE QUARTERS
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BUT INDEED, THERE WAS TO BE TROUBLE--FOR A MENACING FIGURE LURKED NEARBY!

ALL SEEMED PEACEFUL IN THE SLEEPING NATIVE VILLAGE--
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BUT NOW A LONG FIGURE CREPT STEALTHILY ACROSS THE COMPOUND--
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AND VANISHED INTO THE SHADOWY FOREST. HERE WAS A SPY BRIBED BY DAVID TO REPORT ON ANY PURSUERS.
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...AT DAWN, TARZAN AND JOHN BADE FARE-WELL TO THEIR NATIVE FRIENDS AND PROCEEDED TOWARD CANNIBAL TERRITORY IN SEARCH OF LAURA WILLIAMS.
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THE LONG TREK WAS EXHAUSTING FOR THE CITY-BRED WILLIAMS, BUT STUBBORNLY, HE REFUSED TO REST.
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"SLOWLY NOW," WARNED THE APEMAN. "THE UGANBI LIVE JUST BEHIND THAT HILL."

TARZAN AND JOHN OBSERVED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UGAMBI CANNIBALS
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SUDDENLY, A SCREAM PIERCED THE HOT, STIFLING QUIET OF THE DAY—
A WOMAN WAS DRAGGED TO A HUT AND SAVAGELY THROWN IN!
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WILLIAMS LEAPED UP HYSTERICALLY "THOSE FIENDS!" HE SHOUTED "I'M GOING--"
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"STEADY" CAUTIONED TARZAN "IT WILL BE NIGHT SOON--THEN WE CAN PLAN OUR RESCUE"
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...THUS LATER, CLOAKED IN DARKNESS TWO FIGURES CREPT OVER THE WALL TOWARD A GUARD!
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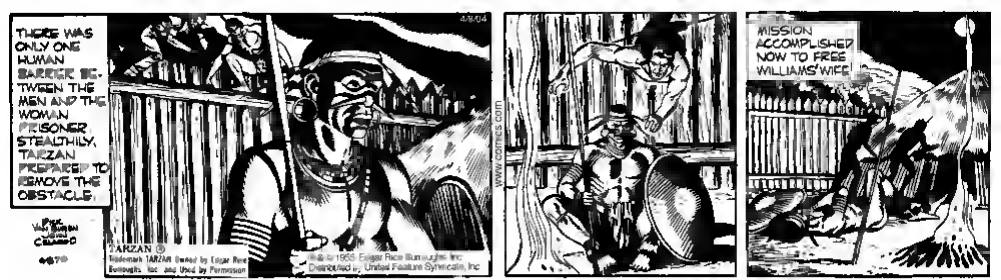
THERE WAS ONLY ONE HUMAN BARRIER BETWEEN THE MEN AND THE WOMAN PRISONER. STEALTHILY, TARZAN PREPARES TO REMOVE THE OBSTACLE!
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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! NOW TO FREE WILLIAMS' WIFE!

SLOWLY, STEADILY, THE MEN REACHED THE HUT WHERE THE GIRL HAD BEEN TAKEN. "LAURA--?" WHISPERED WILLIAMS.
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SUDDENLY AN EBONY ARM CLUTCHED WILLIAMS--
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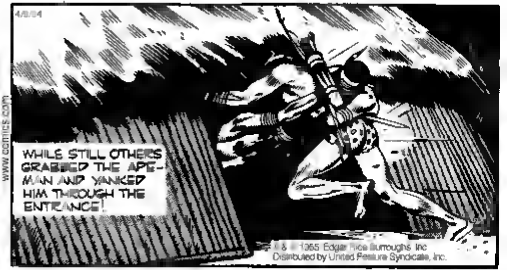
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WHILE STILL OTHERS GRABBED THE APE-MAN AND YANKED HIM THROUGH THE ENTRANCE!
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A SCORE OF SAVAGE CANNIBALS AMBUSHED TARZAN AND JOHN WILLIAMS FROM INSIDE A VILLAGE HUT
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IN A MATTER OF SECONDS THEY WERE DISARMED, BOUND AND PUSHED TO THE FLOOR

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AND THEN THEY HEARD THE TRIUMPHANT, BOOMING VOICE OF DAVID STEELE... "WELCOME -- SUCKERS!"

TARZAN AND WILLIAMS LAMENTED THEIR CAPTURE. "WE MUST HAVE BEEN BETRAYED," COMMENTED THE APEMAN.
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"QUITE RIGHT!" SOUNDED A JEERING VOICE AND DAVID STEEL APPEARED AT THE DOORWAY TO THE HUT.
HE ENTERED AND VICIOUSLY KICKED THE PROSTRATE WILLIAMS. "HELLO, SWING— I HAVE A NICE SURPRISE WAITING FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIEND."
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"I'M GLAD YOU ARE HERE -- SO YOU CAN SEE THE PROGRESS THAT YOUR LAURA IS MAKING."
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ABRUPTLY, HE CALLED OUTSIDE. "ALL RIGHT, BRING HER IN"
DICK WALKER JOHN CARBO
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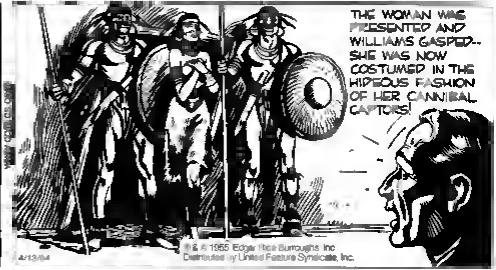
THE WOMAN WAS PRESENTED AND WILLIAMS GASPED.. SHE WAS NOW COSTUMED IN THE HIDEOUS FASHION OF HER CANNIBAL CAPTORS!
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"I KNOW THAT YOU'D BE IMPRESSED BY LAURA'S TRANSFORMATION," TAUNTED STOBL.
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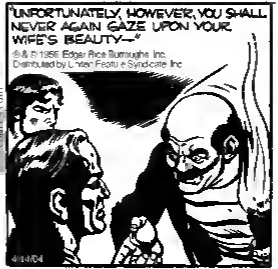
"UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, YOU SHALL NEVER AGAIN GAZE UPON YOUR WIFE'S BEAUTY--"
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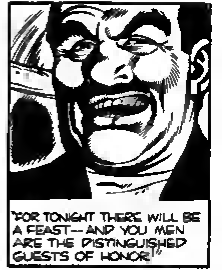
"FOR TONIGHT THERE WILL BE A FEAST-- AND YOU MEN ARE THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF HONOR!"

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"I DON'T KNOW," SAID THE APEMAN SOLEMNLY. "LISTEN NOW--THE CEREMONIAL DRUMS!"

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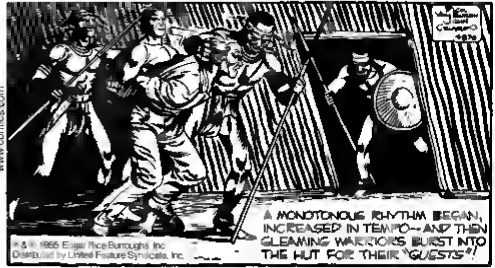
A MONOTONOUS RHYTHM BEGAN, INCREASED IN TEMPO--AND THEN GLEAMING WARRIORS BURST INTO THE HUT FOR THEIR "GUESTS"!
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A STRANGE SIGHT CONFRONTED TARZAN AS HE AND WILLIAMS WERE MARCHED OUT TO THE COMPOUND. DAVID STEEL WAS SURROUNDED BY OTHER WHITE MEN!
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THEY WERE ALL PARTAKING OF NATIVE SPIRITS AND STIRRING THE CANNIBALS INTO A STATE OF FRENZY. THE SITUATION WAS GETTING WORSE WITH EACH PASSING SECOND--
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THE FRENZIED CANNIBALS QUICKLY LASHED TARZAN AND WILLIAMS TO A STAKE.
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AND THEN THERE SOUNDED THE RASPING VOICE OF DAVID STEEL. "PROCEED!"
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THUS BEGAN A TORTUROUS DANCE WHERE THE PRISONERS WERE LIGHTLY JABBED WITH UGAMBI SPEARS... A PRELUDE TO DEATH!

DEATH SEEMED INEVITABLE AS THE FRENZIED CANNIBALS LEAPED CLOSER TO TARZAN AND WILLIAMS
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BUT THEN, FAR OUT IN THE MAZES OF THE WEIRD JUNGLE, ROSE A SHRILL SCREAM—
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AND NOW AN ANSWERING SHRIEK RESOUNDED FROM THE QUIVERING LIPS OF THE APEMAN!

THE JUNGLE CRIES UPSET THE CANNIBALS, BUT AFTER CONSTANT URGING FROM STEEL--
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THEY LEAPED IN TO FINISH THE DANCE AND THEIR VICTIMS.
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BUT BEFORE A SPEAR COULD DRAW BLOOD, A TAWNY STREAK OF GREEN-EYED HATE BOUNDED OVER THE STOCKADE!
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WITH A CHALLENGING ROAR, NUMA THE LION SPRANG OVER THE PALISADE.
JOHN WATKISS JOHN CALLAHO
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DAVID STEEL DREW HIS PISTOL TO DISPATCH THE BEAST, BUT NOW HE BECAME TRANSFIXED IN TERROR--
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AS THE CAT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE GROTESQUE, HAIRY CREATURES WITH PIDDLING JAWS--THE APES OF AKUT!
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PANIC SEIZED THE UGAMBI VILLAGE AS THE FIENDISH BEASTS OF TARZAN GAINED VENGEANCE FOR THEIR MASTER.
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IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE NATIVES FLED!
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MEANWHILE, FROM THE SIDELINES, A FRANTIC DAVID STEEL WHISPERED ORDERS "THE GIRL-- GET THE GIRL!"

DURING THE CONFUSION, STEEL AND HIS TERRIFIED MEN STUMBLED INTO THE JUNGLE WITH LAURA WILLIAMS.
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AND NOW THE BATTLE CEASED, FOR ALL SURVIVING NATIVES HAD FLED. "AKUT!" CALLED TARZAN.
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"QUICKLY," SAID THE APEMAN, AS THE HUGE BRUTE LUMBERED FORWARD. "CHEW THESE VINES THAT HOLD ME!"

FOLLOWING TARZAN'S INSTRUCTIONS, AKUT CUT THE BONDS THAT HELD THE MEN TO THE STAKE
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THEN, AFTER RETRIEVING HIS WEAPONS THE APEMAN CRIED, "LET'S GO! STEEL COULD NOT HAVE GOTTEN TOO FAR!"
THUS THE TWO MEN RENEWED THEIR QUEST FOR THE CAPTIVE GIRL-- REINFORCED NOW BY A SAVAGE, LOYAL HORDE!
RICE BURROUGHS' TARZAN
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JOHN WILLIAMS, TARZAN AND THE LOYAL BEASTS FOLLOWED THE TRAIL OF DAVID STEELE.
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THE SPOOR OF THEIR QUARRY GREW FRESH AS THEY CONTINUED TO CLOSE THE GAP.
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BUT ABRUPTLY, FRUSTRATINGLY, ALL TRACES VANISHED AT A RIVER BANK. "TOO LATE!" JOHN MOANED "THEY'VE TAKEN A BOAT!"
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UNDAUNTED, THE JUNGLE LORD BADE WILLIAMS TO CLING TO HIS BACK, AND HE LEAPED FOR THE TREES.
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THUS, TARZAN AND THE APES MOVED SWIFTLY DOWNRIVER BY WAY OF THE LEAFY TERRACE --
WHILE NUMA NIMBLY FOLLOWED, CRASHING THROUGH THE THICKET BELOW.
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FINALLY, THE GRIM PURSUERS REACHED THE COAST--
ONLY TO SEE A HARBORED SHIP AS SYMBOL TO STEEL'S ESCAPE!
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"NOW WE'RE TRULY LOST," SAID WILLIAMS. "THEY'LL BE ON THE MOVE SOON AND--"

"BUT THE SCHOONER ISN'T MOVING," OBSERVED TARZAN. "THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING WRONG..."

FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, DAVID STEEL COULD NOT GET HIS SCHOONER UNDER WAY.
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THUS [illegible] RESPITE, TARZAN AND WILLIAMS FRANTICALLY SEARCHED THE SHORE LINE—
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AND FOUND, IN A PRIMITIVE QUAY, AN ABANDONED NATIVE WAR CANOE!
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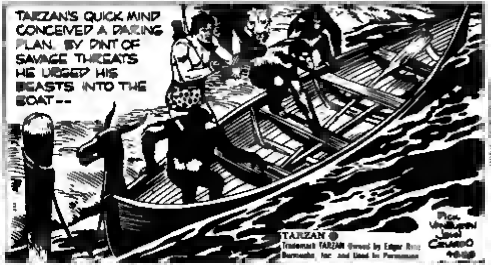
TARZAN'S QUICK MIND CONCEIVED A DARING PLAN. BY DINT OF SAVAGE THREATS HE URGED HIS BEASTS INTO THE BOAT--
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AND THUS DID A STRANGE CREW EMBARK UPON THE MURKY OCEAN WATERS!
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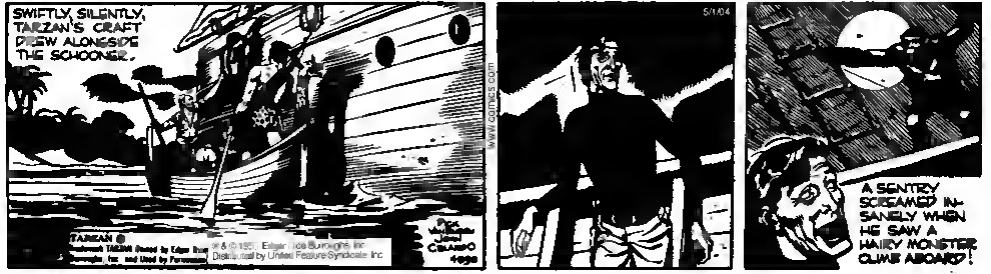
SWIFTLY, SILENTLY, TARZAN'S CRAFT DREW ALONGSIDE THE SCHOONER.
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A SENTRY SCREAMED INSANELY WHEN HE SAW A HAIRY MONSTER CLIMB ABOARD!

HELPLESS TO RESIST THE SENTRY ON DAVID STEEL'S SCHOONER FELL BENEATH THE ONRUSHING AKUT--
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AND THEN A HIDEOUS CHALLENGE RESOUNDED FROM OTHER THROATS AS TARZAN AND THE REST OF HIS SAVAGE GROUP CLIMBED ABOARD!

THE SCHOONER'S FRIGHTENED CREW SOUGHT SANCTUARY BUT THERE WAS NO ESCAPE FROM THE RAMPAGING BEASTS
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DAVID STEEL WAS AROUSED BY THE COMMOTION AND CAME RUNNING UP ON DECK---

ONLY TO CONFRONT A GRIM AND FIERCE FELINE SILHOUETTE!
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WITH TAIL EXTENDED AND QUIVERING, TALONS BARED, NUMA SPRANG TOWARD HIS QUARRY.
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THE CONVICT STOOD PARALYZED, HIS EYES BULGING IN HORROR--
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THE TERRIFIC IMPACT CRASHED DAVID STEEL TO THE DECK. HIS HEAD TOOK THE BRUNT OF THE FALL, CAUSING INSTANTANEOUS DEATH!

THE GRISLY BATTLE ENDED AT DAWN. THREE SURVIVING SAILORS PLEADED FOR MERCY AND TARZAN HELD HIS BEASTS AT BAY.
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THEN A JUBILANT JOHN WILLIAMS CAME ON DECK WITH HIS WIFE.

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LAURA SMILED! THE CANNIBAL "ORNAMENTS" HAD BEEN REMOVED AND SHE WAS ONCE AGAIN AN ATTRACTIVE, RADIANT GIRL!

"LAURA VOUCHES FOR THE LOYALTY OF THESE MEN," SAID WILLIAMS, "THEY WERE FORCED TO SERVE STEEL AGAINST THEIR WILL."
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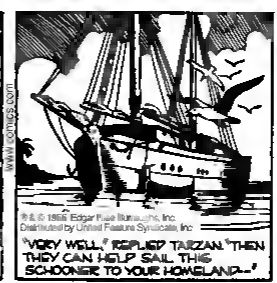
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"VERY WELL," REPLIED TARZAN. "THEN THEY CAN HELP SAIL THIS SCHOONER TO YOUR HOMELAND..."

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"AND NOW I'D BETTER GO ASHORE," HE LAUGHED. "WHILE I CAN STILL CURB THE TEMPERS OF MY FRIENDS..."

JOHN AND LAURA WILLIAMS SET SAIL, BUT NOT WITHOUT SOME SORROW, FOR THEY HAD LEARNED SOMETHING OF HUMAN VALUES--
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AND ON SHORE WERE THE JUNGLE DENIZENS WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE HAPPINESS OF THESE PEOPLE...
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TARZAN DISMISSED HIS APES, HAVING NO FURTHER NEED FOR THEIR SERVICES.
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NUMA, THE LION, GREW RESTLESS AND ALSO TOOK LEAVE OF HIS MASTER.
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MEANWHILE, DEEP IN THE MAZES OF THE JUNGLE, TWO MEN OF SCIENCE BREW NEAR TO A FANTASTIC DISCOVERY
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LONG YEARS OF RESEARCH ENDED IN TRIUMPH FOR DOCTOR SIMPSON. RENOWNED SCIENTIST "HARRY!" HE EXCLAIMED "HARRY—I'VE GOT IT!"
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THE DOCTOR'S ASSISTANT, HARRY SPEAR, WAS DUBIOUS. "THE ANSWER? YOU MEAN YOU—"
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SIMPSON BEAMED. "RIGHT THERE IN THE TUBE, HARRY! A COMPLETE CURE FOR THE SCOURGE OF AFRICA— SLEEPING SICKNESS!"
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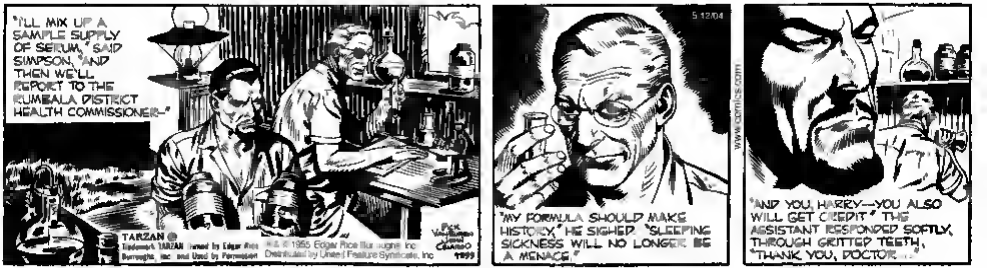
"I'LL MIX UP A SAMPLE SUPPLY OF SERUM," SAID SIMPSON, "AND THEN WE'LL REPORT TO THE KUMBALA DISTRICT HEALTH COMMISSIONER."
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"MY FORMULA SHOULD MAKE HISTORY," HE SIGHED. "SLEEPING SICKNESS WILL NO LONGER BE A MENACE."
"AND YOU, HARRY—YOU ALSO WILL GET CREDIT," THE ASSISTANT RESPONDED SOFTLY, THROUGH GRITTED TEETH. "THANK YOU, DOCTOR."

AFTER DOCTOR SIMPSON MADE UP HIS EXPERIMENTAL SUPPLY OF SERUM, THE TWO MEN PACKED THEIR BELONGINGS
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THEN THEY TRUDGED OVER A HIDDEN JUNGLE TRAIL. THEIR SLEEPING-SICKNESS FORMULA SECURELY PACKED AWAY.
AND OUT INTO A CLEARING TOWARD A PLANE, ON WHICH THEY COULD TRANSPORT THEIR DISCOVERY TO THE MEDICAL WORLD!
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SPEAR WARMED UP THE PLANE AS DOCTOR SIMPSON GAVE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO A FAITHFUL NATIVE SERVANT
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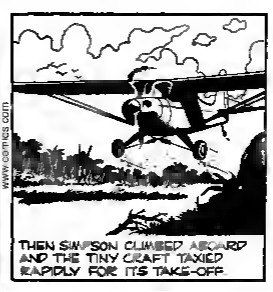
THEN SIMPSON CLIMBED ABOARD AND THE TINY CRAFT TAXIED RAPIDLY FOR ITS TAKE-OFF

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SOON THE MEN WERE AIRBORNE, AND AT THIS TIME AN OMINOUS TRANSFORMATION CAME OVER SIMPSON'S ASSISTANT, SPEAR!

DR SIMPSON'S PLANE WINGED OVER THE JUNGLE: THE ENGINE'S ROAR PIERCED THROUGH THE HUMID AIR--
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AND FRIGHTENED AWAY THE QUARRY OF A HUNTER BELOW
THIS MERELY PROVED ANNOYING TO TARZAN OF THE APES-- FOR HE DID NOT REALIZE THAT DESTINY HAD BECKONED...
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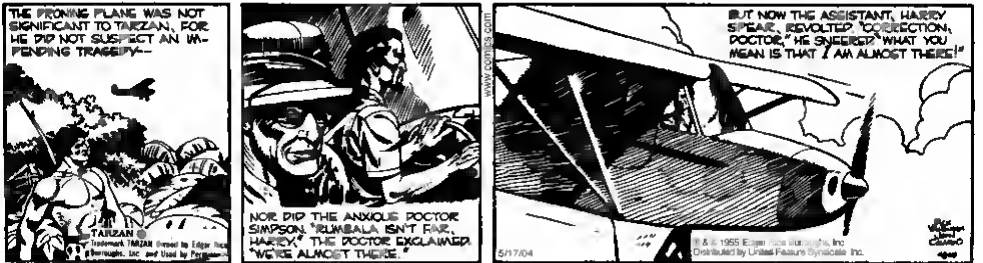
THE PROWING PLANE WAS NOT SIGNIFICANT TO TARZAN, FOR HE DID NOT SUSPECT AN IMPENDING TRAGEDY--
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NOR DID THE ANXIOUS DOCTOR SIMPSON. "RUMBALA ISN'T FAR, HARRY," THE DOCTOR EXCLAIMED. "WE'RE ALMOST THERE."
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BUT NOW THE ASSISTANT, HARRY SPEAR, REVOLTED. "CORRECTION, DOCTOR," HE SNEERED. "WHAT YOU MEAN IS THAT I AM ALMOST THERE!"
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"THIS IS THE END FOR YOU, DOCTOR," GRINNED SPEAR. "HAND OVER YOUR KNAPSACK."
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SIMPSON STARED AT HIS ENEMY'S PISTOL. "HAVE YOU GONE MAD? MY CURE FOR SLEEPING SICKNESS BELONGS TO SCIENCE!"
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"NOW DON'T GET EXCITED," HARRY CAJOLED. "I'M GOING TO USE THE SERUM EFFECTIVELY-- BUT I WON'T TOLERATE ANY CHARITY CASES!"
Joe Musial
Alfredo Alcala
GULACY

"IF YOU INTEND TO STEAL MY FORMULA," SAID SIMPSON SOLEMNLY, "YOU--YOU'LL HAVE TO---"
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"ELIMINATE YOU!" HARRY PROMPTED. "SO PREPARE TO HAVE A TRAGIC ACCIDENT."
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DAN JOY BURROUGHS JOHN CELARDO
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SPEAR LAUGHED, AND THEN, TO THE DOCTOR'S HORROR, HE BEGAN TO SMASH THE CONTROLS WITH HIS GUN BUTT!
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"YOU FOOL!" SCREAMED THE DOCTOR. "WE'LL BOTH BE DESTROYED, ALONG WITH OUR DISCOVERY!"
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"OH NO!" SPEAR QUICKLY ANSWERED. "HAVE YOU FAILED TO NOTICE THAT I HAVE A PARACHUTE?"
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DOCTOR SIMPSON LUNGED DESPERATELY AT SPEAR, WHO CALMLY SQUEEZED THE REVOLVER TRIGGER.
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AFTER MURDERING DOCTOR SIMPSON, HARRY SPEAR PARACHUTED FROM THE DOOMED AIRPLANE
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HE SMILED IN GRIM TRIUMPH AS THE CRAFT SPIRALED DOWNWARD
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BUT HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT AN INTERESTED SPECTATOR WATCHED FROM THE JUNGLE BELOW!

ALERTED BY THE SIGHT OF THE MYSTERIOUS PARACHUTIST, TARZAN SPED TO INVESTIGATE.
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HE FOUND HARRY SPEAR STRUGGLING IN A CLUMP OF BUSH. "DON'T MOVE," HE CALLED. "I'LL TRY TO HELP."
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HARRY SPUN ABOUT IN ALARM, COVERING THE APEMAN WITH HIS PISTOL. "DON'T YOU MOVE!" HE SNARLED.
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SURPRISED BY TARZAN'S SUDDEN APPEARANCE, HARRY SPEAR BRANDISHED A PISTOL. "WHAT DO YOU WANT?" HE GROWLED.

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"STEADY," REPLIED THE APE-MAN. "YOU SEEMED IN TROUBLE, AND I ONLY OFFERED TO HELP."
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HARRY HESITATED, THEN RELAXED AND CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE. "SORRY-- IT'S JUST THAT I WAS UPSET OVER THE-- PLANE CRASH."
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"I'M DOCTOR SPEAR," LIED HARRY. "I'VE JUST FINISHED SOME JUNGLE RESEARCH-- ON A CURE FOR SLEEPING SICKNESS."
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ALTHOUGH VAGUELY ANNOYED BY SPEAR'S BEHAVIOR TARZAN BELIEVED HIS STORY AND TOOK HIM TO A NEARBY VILLAGE
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HE EXPLAINED THE MISSION TO THE NATIVE CHIEF AND ASKED FOR ESCORT TO RUMBALA
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NEWS OF THE "DOCTOR" SPREAD FAST AMONG THE ONLOOKERS AND A HYSTERICAL WOMAN BURST FORTH "MY HUSBAND HAS THE SICKNESS!"

SPEAR LISTENED, INDECISIVELY, AS A NATIVE WOMAN BEGGED HIM TO ATTEND HER HUSBAND
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"WHY NOT?" SUGGESTED TARZAN. "AREN'T YOU SURE THAT THE SERUM IS EFFECTIVE?"
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THUS CHALLENGED, AND ALSO TO ALLAY HIS OWN SECRET DOUBTS, HARRY PREPARED TO TREAT THE SICK MAN
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"THERE!" HARRY SIGHED "NOW WE WAIT UNTIL THE SERUM TAKES EFFECT."
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...ANXIOUS NIGHT HOURS PASSED, AND THEN SPEAR AND TARZAN WERE ROUSED BY A GUARD.
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THEY WERE TAKEN TO THE CHIEF'S QUARTERS AND GREETED WARMLY. "CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR PATIENT AWAKENED FROM HIS COMA AT DAYLIGHT!"
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THE CHIEF NOW COMMANDED THE ENTRANCE OF A STRANGE-LOOKING HALF-BREED. "MEET BOLAR-- YOU HAVE EARNED HIM FOR YOUR ESCORT."
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BOLAR BOWED LOW, SPOKE SOFTLY "A PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU, BWANA."
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TARZAN WAS BOTHERED! ALL SEEMED WELL-- YET THIS SHIFTY-EYED MAN HAD A LOOK OF EVIL...
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AFTER BOLAR WAS ASSIGNED AS ESCORT TO KUMBALA, HARRY SPEAR AND THE APEMAN RETURNED TO THEIR QUARTERS.
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"I LEAVE YOU NOW," TARZAN STATED. "JUST BE CAREFUL THAT THE GERUM DOESN'T FALL INTO UNSCRUPULOUS HANDS."
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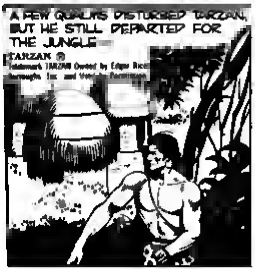
"DON'T WORRY," SAID HARRY QUIETLY. "I'LL BE CAREFUL..."


A FEW QUALMS DISTURBED TARZAN, BUT HE STILL DEPARTED FOR THE JUNGLE
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MUCH TO THE RELIEF OF BOLAIE, WHO WATCHED FROM A HIDDEN DOORWAY.
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HURRIEDLY NOW, HE ENTERED SPEAKS HUT. "I AM HERE, BWANA," HE SAID. "PERHAPS TO GIVE GREATER SERVICE THAN YOU EXPECT."
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"YOU ARE READY?" ASKED BOLAR.
"YES," HARRY REPLIED. "I'M READY TO LEAVE."
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"I MEANT," SAID BOLAR SLOWLY, "ARE YOU READY TO TALK?"

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HARRY SPEAR SPUN ABOUT TO FACE BOLAR -- AND AT THAT INSTANT ONE VILLAIN RECOGNIZED ANOTHER...
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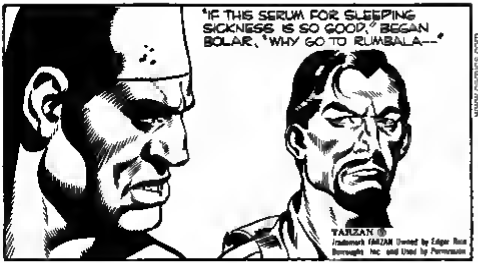
"IF THIS SERUM FOR SLEEPING SICKNESS IS SO GOOD," BEGAN BOLAR, "WHY GO TO RUMBALA--"
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"YOU'D GIVE IT TO THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER, AND WHAT COULD BE GAINED BY THAT?"

HARRY SMILED SLYLY "WELL-- I DIDN'T EXACTLY PLAN TO GIVE IT AWAY."

"LISTEN," CROAKED BOLAI. "IT IS SAID THE SICKNESS RAGES IN THE BUSH THERE IS A RICH AND POWERFUL KING WHOSE SON IS DYING--"
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BOLAI'S EYES GLISTENED GREEDILY. "IT IS SAID HE WILL PAY ANYTHING--DO ANYTHING TO CURE HIS SON--
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"AND SO, YOU AND I WILL HEAL THIS SON FOR A PRICE-- AND THE ALLEGIANCE OF HIS WARRIORS!"

"WE CAN SWEEP THROUGH TRIBE AFTER TRIBE!" SCREECHED BOLAR. "HEAL THEIR SICK--IF THEY PAY AND PLEDGE US WARRIORS!"
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"DO YOU UNDERSTAND? FROM OUR SPOILS WE CAN BUILD A JUNGLE EMPIRE!"
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"THIS BEATS ANY PLAN FOR WEALTH AND POWER THAT I HAD--"MUSED SPEAR. "IT'S GREAT!"

WEEKS HAD PASSED SINCE HARRY SPEAR AND BOLAR FORMED THEIR EVIL PACT, AND TARZAN HAD LONG FORGOTTEN THEIR EXISTENCE.
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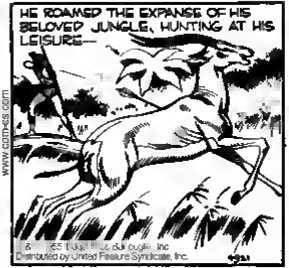
HE ROAMED THE EXPANSE OF HIS BELOVED JUNGLE, HUNTING AT HIS LEISURE—
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A SUDDEN SCREAM OF TERROR SHATTERED THIS IDYLLIC LIFE!
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TARZAN LEAPED TO THE TREES, SPEEDING TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF A TERRIFIED SCREAM.
SOON HE CAME UPON A LION AND HIS MATE READYING FOR AN ATTACK--
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AND BELOW THEM, CRINGING IN FEAR, WERE TWO HELPLESS MEN!
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ROARING HIDEOUSLY THROUGH SLAVERING JAWS, NUMA SPRANG FIERCE TOWARD THE QUARRY.
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BUT AT THE SAME TIME, TARZAN DISPATCHED A DEADLY AIMED ARROW!
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SABOR, HOWEVER, RESPONDED QUICKLY, AND WITH A VENGEFUL CRY, LEAPED TOWARD THE MAN-THING WHO HAD KILLED HER MATE!
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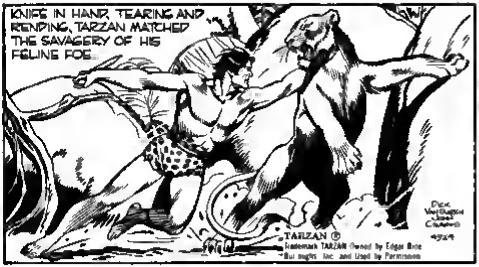
KNIFE IN HAND, TEARING AND RENDING, TARZAN MATCHED THE SAVAGERY OF HIS FELINE FOE...
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THE AWESTRUCK MEN WATCHED, AND WERE EVEN MORE STUNNED, WHEN--

MOMENTS LATER, THE VICTORY CRY OF THE BULL APE RESOUNDED THROUGH THE FOREST!
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THE TWO MEN HESITANTLY STOOP BEFORE THEIR BENEFACTOR. "WHOEVER YOU ARE-- THANKS," SAID ONE.
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"WE WERE IN DIRE STRAITS OUR BEARERS DESERTED US, STOLE OUR EQUIPMENT--"
"OH-- PARDON. THIS IS LIEUTENANT EVANS, DISTRICT POLICE, AND I'M WALLACE-- THE RUMBALA HEALTH COMMISSIONER."

TARZAN ACKNOWLEDGED WALLACE. "I REMEMBER NOW-- YOU WERE THE CONTACT FOR HARRY SPEAR. DID HE REACH--"
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"HARRY SPEAR!" EXCLAIMED THE COMMISSIONER. "YOU MEAN HE'S ALIVE?"
WALLACE COMPOSED HIMSELF. "PLEASE-- IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT YOU TELL US ALL YOU KNOW."
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THE RUMBALA DISTRICT OFFICERS WERE SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT HARRY SPEAR WAS STILL ALIVE "A RUNNER DELIVERED THE SLEEPING-SICKNESS FORMULA," SAID WALLACE--
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"SO WHEN DOCTOR SIMPSON AND HIS ASSISTANT FAILED TO SHOW UP, I WORRIED. I THOUGHT THEIR PLANE--"
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"IT CRASHED ALL RIGHT," ADDED TARZAN. "BUT SPEAR IMPLIED THAT HE WAS ALONE-- THAT HE WAS A DOCTOR."

"WE CAN INVESTIGATE THE WRECKED PLANE," TARZAN SUGGESTED. LIEUTENANT EVANS NODDED GRIMLY, "LET'S GO!"
"ANOTHER THING," SAID WALLACE, AS THE MEN BEGAN THEIR TREK, "WE'VE HEARD RUMORS WHICH CONCERN THE STOLEN SERUM."
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"SOMEONE IS CURING THE SICK AND THUS GAINING TREMENDOUS POWER AMONG THE BUSH TRIBES -- A FANTASTIC CREATURE WHO IS KNOWN AS THE KING OF THE WITCH DOCTORS!"
VAN BUREN CALDWELL
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AFTER SEVERAL HOURS, THE TRAVELERS APPROACHED THE TWISTED FUSELAGE OF A CRASHED AIR-PLANE
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THE OFFICERS WAITED TENSELY AS TARZAN FORCED THE CABIN DOOR OPEN--
AND DISCOVERED, INSIDE, THE SKELETAL REMAINS OF THE UNFORTUNATE DOCTOR SIMPSON!

TARZAN SEARCHED QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY, THEN PROPPED A SMALL OBJECT INTO THE LIEUTENANT'S HAND. "THIS," HE SAID GRAVELY "I REMOVED FROM SIMPSON'S SKULL."
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"BULLET?" QUESTIONED WALLACE. "THAT WOULD IMPLICATE HARRY SPEAR IN MURDER, AND ALSO--"
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"YES," PROMPTED THE APE-MAN. "HE AND THIS KING OF WITCH DOCTORS ARE PROBABLY THE SAME PERSON!"

TARZAN AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE SO ENGROSSED THAT THEY FAILED TO DETECT THE APPROACH OF STEALTHY, CREEPING FIGURES...
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FRENZIED NATIVES WHO NOW, WITH A SCREAMING BATTLE CRY LEAPED OUT FROM THE BUSH!
DON MOORE
CELARO

THE WHITE MEN FOUGHT VALIANTLY BUT WERE NO MATCH AGAINST THE OVERWHELMING MIGHT OF THEIR ATTACKERS.
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NATIVE SPEARMEN POISED FOR THE KILL... YET HESITATED AT A CALL FROM THEIR LEADER---
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"STOP! THESE DOGS ARE TO BE PRISONERS---IT IS THE COMMAND OF THE KING OF WITCH DOCTORS!"

DESPITE THEIR VALIANT EFFORTS, TARZAN AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE CAPTURED BY NATIVE WARRIORS.
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THEY WERE LED OVER A HIDDEN JUNGLE TRAIL TO A LARGE THATCHED VILLAGE-- HEADQUARTERS FOR THE KING OF THE WITCH DOCTORS!
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THE PRISONERS WERE TAKEN ACROSS THE COMPOUND AND INTO THE ROYAL PALACE, WHERE THEIR SUSPICIONS WERE FINALLY CONFIRMED--
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TWIN THRONE CHAIRS BEDECKED! A PRIMITIVE, YET SPLENDOROUS ROOM. BOLAR, THE NATIVE, OCCUPIED ONE, AND BESIDE HIM SAT A TRIUMPHANT HARRY SPEAR!
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"AH-THE ILLUSTRIOUS COMMISSIONER WALLACE," MOCKED SPEAR. "MAY SOLAR AND I EXTEND OUR GREETINGS--"
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"NUEVEROLIS SWINE!" WALLACE SHOUTED. "YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS!"
"BUT WE ALREADY HAVE," HADLEY CHIDED. "SOLAR CONVINCES THESE GENTLEMEN OF THE FACTS."

SOLAR SHOWED THE PRISONERS A LARGE METAL GONG. "ONE BEAT ON THIS WILL SUMMON OUR ARMY," HE BRAGGED--
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"IN A MATTER OF MINUTES FIVE THOUSAND MEN WOULD BE READY TO DIE FOR THE KING OF THE WITCH DOCTORS!"
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"NOW COME OVER HERE," CALLED HARRY. "SEE HOW ELSE THEY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE."

HARRY SPEAR OPENED A VAULT BEFORE HIS GAPING AUDIENCE AND INSIDE WAS A FANTASTIC HOARD OF PRICELESS NATIVE JEWELRY AND ART PIECES
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"THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!" HE EXCLAIMED GREEDILY AT THAT MOMENT THEY WERE INTERRUPTED
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"BWANA KING," CALLED A NATIVE GUARD. "THERE IS A MAN OUTSIDE WITH AN URGENT MESSAGE!"

A MESSENGER GAINED AUDIENCE WITH HARRY SPEAR 'GREAT DOCTOR,' HE STATED 'I AM TO PURCHASE YOUR MAGIC SERVICES--'
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'MY KING WANTS HIS WIFE CURED OF THE SICKNESS'-- HE OFFERS PAYMENT OF ONE THOUSAND WARRIORS!'
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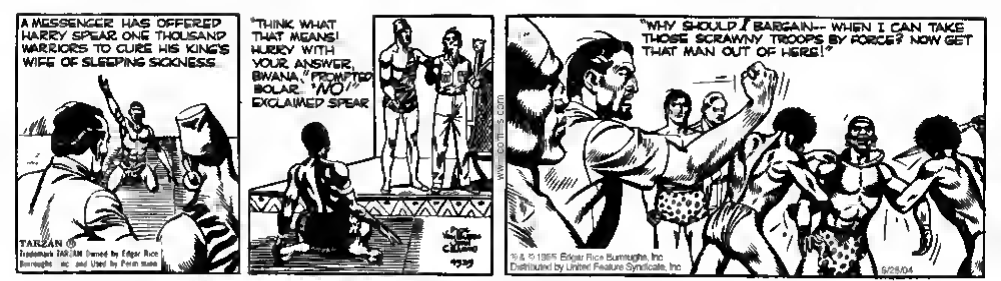
HARRY HESITATED AND TARZAN GLANCED CURIOUSLY AT HIS FEATURES-- FOR THERE UNDENIABLY WAS AN EXPRESSION OF PANIC!


A MESSENGER HAS OFFERED HARRY SPEAR ONE THOUSAND WARRIORS TO CURE HIS KING'S WIFE OF SLEEPING SICKNESS
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"THINK WHAT THAT MEANS! HURRY WITH YOUR ANSWER, BWANA." PROMPTED BOLAR. "NO" EXCLAIMED SPEAR
"WHY SHOULD I BARGAIN-- WHEN I CAN TAKE THOSE SCRAWNY TROOPS BY FORCE? NOW GET THAT MAN OUT OF HERE!"
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HARRY SPEAR, NOW TURNED TO TARZAN AND HIS COMPANIONS, "I DEEPLY REGRET THE CIRCUMSTANCES--"
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"BUT YOU GENTLEMEN MUST REALIZE THAT YOU ARE A MENACE -- AND THEREFORE MUST DIE--"
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"GUARDS, TAKE THESE PRISONERS! BIND AND SECLUDE THEM WHILE BOLAR AND I CONTEMPLATE THEIR FATE!"
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THE HAPLESS PRISONERS WERE CONFINED, BUT TARZAN DID NOT SEEM COMPLETELY DISCOURAGED. "WAS SPEAR REALLY A DOCTOR?" HE ASKED.
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COMMISSIONER WALLACE WAS CURIOUS. "NO, ONLY A LABORATORY TECHNICIAN. WHY? HAVE YOU—?"
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"I'M NOT SURE," REPLIED THE APEMAN. "YET, WE MIGHT HAVE ONE FAIRING CHANCE TO ESCAPE."

...A NEW DAY DAWNED, AND THE FITFUL CONFINEMENT OF THE PRISONERS WAS CLIMAXED BY OMINOUS DRUMBEATS.

THE EVIL BOLAR THEN APPEARED. "COME," HE LAUGHED. "IT IS TIME FOR YOUR--DOWNFALL

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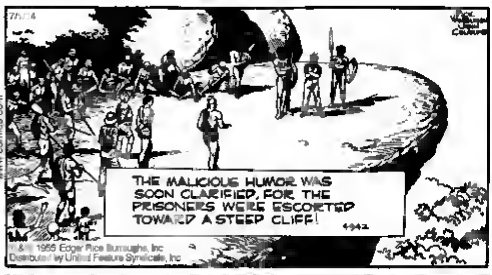
THE MALICIOUS HUMOR WAS SOON CLARIFIED, FOR THE PRISONERS WERE ESCORTED TOWARD A STEEP CLIFF!
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A NEW PAY MANNER AMP THE INITIAL ENGAGEMENT OF THE PRESENCE WAS CLIMAXED BY OMINOUS FLAMBEARTS...
WARRAN'D
THE EVIL BALANE THEN APPEARED TO MAKE THE LAUGHER: "IT IS TIME FOR YE!" — PENNFALL
THE MALICIOUS MIRROR WAS SOON CLAIMED FOR THE PRIZE WERE BECOMEP TOWAREP A STEEP CLIFF!
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THE KING & WITCH DOCTOR HAVE A HUGE THROBBING HEADACHE. THE PRESSURE RISES AT THE CURE'S ORDER.
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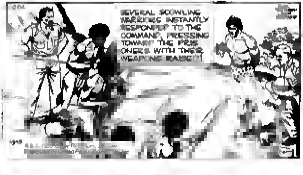

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THE "KING OF WITCH DOCTORS" AND A HUGE THRONG GREETED THE PRISONERS AT THE CLIFF'S EDGE.
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"THIS WILL BE BRIEF AND PAINLESS," HARRY TAUNTED "SPEARMEN! DISPATCH OUR ENEMIES TO JUMP!"
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SEVERAL SCOWLING WARRIORS INSTANTLY RESPONDED TO THE COMMAND, PRESSING TOWARD THE PRISONERS WITH THEIR WEAPONS RAISED!
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BEFORE THE DEATH SENTENCE COULD BE IMPOSED, THE APEMAN ACTED SWIFTLY, STUNNING THE CROWD WITH A CURT CHALLENGE
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"I AM TARZAN, MIGHTY FIGHTER. THEREFORE, I SHOULD ONLY DIE BY THE COMMAND OF A WORTHY FOE..."
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"NOT BY THAT OF A LIAR WHO MAKES RIDICULOUS CLAIMS-- NOT BY THE COMMAND OF A FRAUD!"

TARZAN WAS JUST STARTLED THE NATIVES BY ACCUSING HARRY SPEAR OF BEING A FRAUD. "LET HIM PROVE ME WRONG---"
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"LET HIM DISPLAY HIS MAGIC TO HEAL THE SICKNESS--- THEN I WILL DEEM HIM A WORTHY EXECUTIONER!"
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HARRY EXPLODED "SINCE WHEN DO I NEED JUSTIFICATION? PUSH THEM OFF THAT CLIFF--- NOW!"
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DESPITE HARLEY'S FRANTIC COMMAND, THE WARRIORS HESITATED. BOLAR WHISPERED CONCERNEDLY. "BWANA, YOU MUST HEAL SOMEONE--
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"IT WOULD BE DIPLOMATIC AND ALSO INSPIRE THE LOYALTY OF OUR FOLLOWERS."
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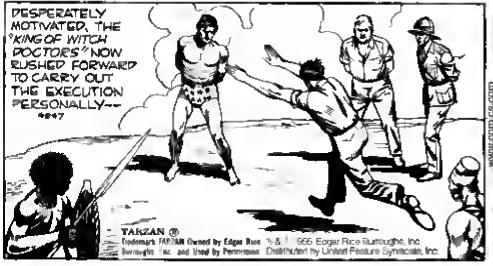
"BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!" HARRY HISSED "I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE!"


DESPERATELY MOTIVATED, THE "KING OF WITCH DOCTORS" NOW RUSHED FORWARD TO CARRY OUT THE EXECUTION PERSONALLY---
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HARRY'S ABRUPT DEATH FORCED BOLAR INTO ACTION.
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HE RACED TOWARD THE HELPLESS APEMAN...
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TARZAN JABBED HIS LEGS INTO THE GIANT'S MID SECTION, AND OVER HE FLEW!
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THE NATIVES WERE CONVINCED THAT THEY HAD BEEN RULED BY TYRANNY AND DECEPTION AND BEGAN TO RELEASE THEIR CAPTIVES.
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"I'M STILL A BIT CONFUSED," SAID COMMISSIONER WALLACE. "HOW DID YOU EVER GET THE NERVE--"
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"A SIMPLE THEORY," SAID TARZAN. "BASED ON THE FACT THAT HARRY HAD NEVER BEEN A DOCTOR."

"REMEMBER WHEN HARRY REFUSED TO CURE THAT KING'S WIFE FOR A THOUSAND WARRIORS?" EXPLAINED TARZAN--
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HE REFUSED BECAUSE HE COULDN'T CURE HER! HE HAD ALREADY USED UP THE SAMPLE SERUM TO PROMOTE HIS REPUTATION--"
"BUT FROM THEN ON HE HAD TO BLUFF. HE WAS NO DOCTOR, SO HOW COULD HE DECIPHER A TECHNICAL FORMULA AND MAKE A NEW SUPPLY?"
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...AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BURIAL SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED FOR BILL FOSTER'S SISTER
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"CALL IT FATE," SOOTHED TARZAN. "HER OBSESSION AND HER QUEST WAS TO TAKE THE PRESERVER'S YOUTH PILLS."
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"YES," SAID BILL. "SHE WOULD HAVE TAKEN THEM EVEN THOUGH SHE KNEW WHAT THE OUTCOME WOULD BE!"

...PREPARATIONS WERE MADE FOR THE ADVENTURERS TO GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS, WHEN TWO STRANGERS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE.
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"HELLO!" SHOUTED ONE. "WE'RE LOOKING FOR ALAN LAKE--"
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"WE WERE TOLD HE'D BE JUST THE MAN WE NEED FOR A JUNGLE GUIDE!"

"WE ARE, RESPECTIVELY, PROFESSOR SUTTON AND PAUL FINCH FROM THE BRITISH MUSEUM SOCIETY," SAID ONE MAN. "WE WANT ESCORT TO AN AREA CALLED THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAIN."
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ALAN LAKE FEIGNED REGRET. "SORRY, BUT I'VE GOT OTHER PLANS--"
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A NEARBY NATIVE SHUDDERED. "NO ONE WILL HELP YOU ANYWAY, BWANA--THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAIN ARE EVIL."

MENTION OF THE "FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS" FRIGHTENED THE NATIVES AWAY, AND, SOON AFTER, TARZAN'S FORMER COMPANIONS LEFT HIM ALONE WITH THE DISHEARTENED NATURALISTS.
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"WHAT IS YOUR PROJECT?" HE ASKED. "PERHAPS I--" PAUL FINCH RESPONDED EXCITEDLY, "A RIVER--"
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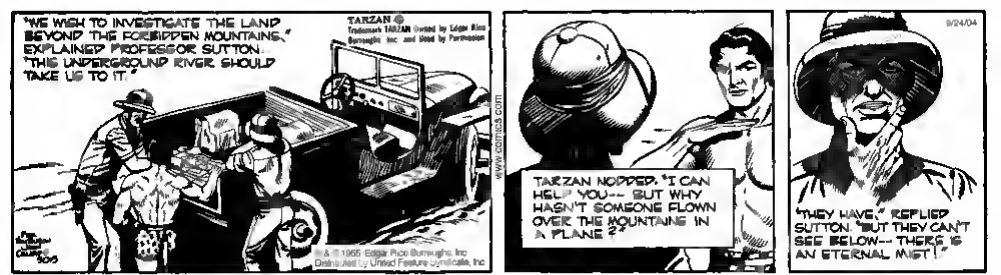
"WE WISH TO FOLLOW A RIVER THAT FLOWS TO THE BASE OF THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS AND THEN DISAPPEARS INSIDE!"


"WE WISH TO INVESTIGATE THE LAND BEYOND THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS," EXPLAINED PROFESSOR SUTTON. "THIS UNDERGROUND RIVER SHOULD TAKE US TO IT."
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TARZAN NODDED. "I CAN HELP YOU--- BUT WHY HASN'T SOMEONE FLOWN OVER THE MOUNTAINS IN A PLANE?"
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"THEY HAVE," REPLIED SUTTON. "BUT THEY CAN'T SEE BELOW--- THERE IS AN ETERNAL MIST!"

WEEKS OF SWELTERING TRAVEL PASSED, AND AN UNERRING APEMAN LED THE NATURALISTS TOWARD THEIR GOAL.
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FINALLY HE HALTED HIS WEARY COMPANIONS AND POINTED IN AWE--
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FOR THE HORIZON LINE MARKED THE END OF THE RIVER THEY HAD FOLLOWED AND THERE, LOOMING IN MYSTERY, WERE THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS!
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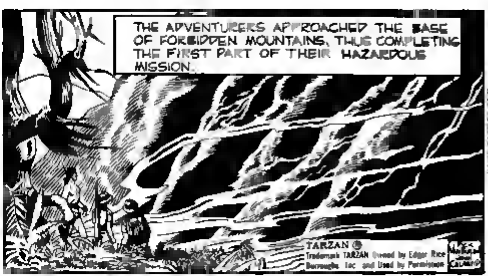
THE ADVENTURERS APPROACHED THE BASE OF FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS, THUS COMPLETING THE FIRST PART OF THEIR HAZARDOUS MISSION.
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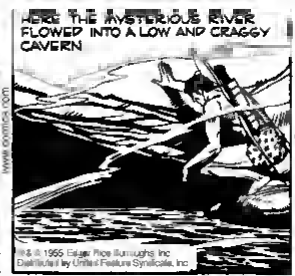
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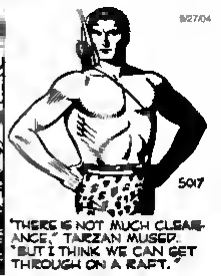

FOR SEVERAL HOURS THE MEN CUT UNIFORM-SIZED LOGS--
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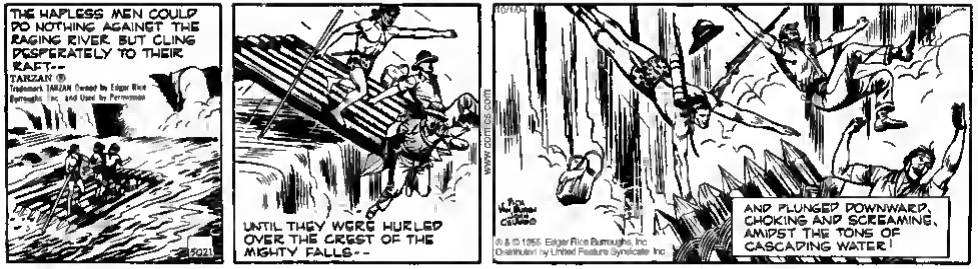
THE HAPLESS MEN COULD DO NOTHING AGAINST THE RAGING RIVER, BUT CLING DESPERATELY TO THEIR RAFT--
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UNTIL THEY WERE HURLED OVER THE CREST OF THE MIGHTY FALLS--
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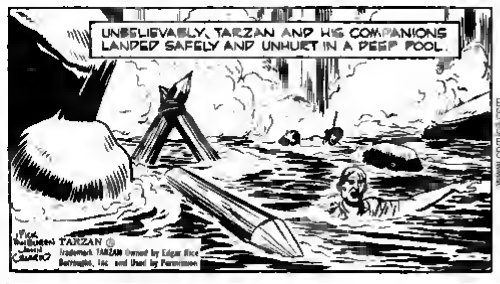
AND PLUNGED DOWNWARD, CHOKING AND SCREAMING, AMIDST THE TONS OF CASCADING WATER!


UNBELIEVABLY, TARZAN AND HIS COMPANIONS LANDED SAFELY AND UNHURT IN A DEEP POOL.
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THE WATER-SOAKED ADVENTURERS GASPED IN RELIEF AND STRUGGLED TOWARD SHORE--
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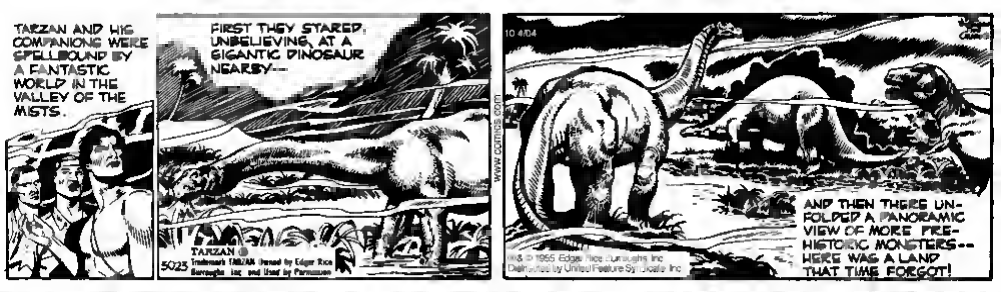
BUT THEIR RELIEF WAS SHORT-LIVED WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THAT THEY WERE IN A SHOCKING, TERRIFYING WORLD!


TARZAN AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE SPELLBOUND BY A FANTASTIC WORLD IN THE VALLEY OF THE MISTS.
FIRST THEY STARED, UNBELIEVING, AT A GIGANTIC DINOSAUR NEARBY—
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AND THEN THERE UNFOLDED A PANORAMIC VIEW OF MORE PREHISTORIC MONSTERS-- HERE WAS A LAND THAT TIME FORGOT!
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PROFESSOR SUTTON WAS THE FIRST TO BREAK THE AWED SILENCE. "IT IS INCREDIBLE--"
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"BUT THOSE DINOSAURIAN CREATURES ARE FROM THE GROUP SAUROPODA-- SUPPOSEDLY EXTINCT FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS
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"LET'S GO ON!" HE EXCLAIMED FEVERISHLY. "THINK OF OTHER WONDERS WE MAY SEE-- THINK WHAT THIS WILL MEAN TO SCIENCE!"

WHILE EXPLORING THE PREHISTORIC WORLD BEHIND THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS, THE ASTONISHED TRAVELERS NEXT SAW A GIANT MAMMOTH!
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AND ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SCENT SPOOR OF ITS DEADLY ENEMY--THE SABER-TOOTH TIGER!

FROM A HIDDEN VANTAGE POINT, THE MEN WATCHED THE STAGE BEING SET FOR A PRIMORDIAL BATTLE.
TRUMPETING, THE WOOLLY MAMMOTH, WITH THE BADLY INJURED LEG, WAS STILL IMPRESSIVE AND POWERFUL.
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WHILE TWO HIDEOUS SABER-TOOTH TIGERS SLUNK ABOUT IN STEALTHY CIRCLES, WAITING FOR AN OPENING.
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GROWLING SAVAGELY, THE TIGERS CHARGED THEIR WOUNDED AND FALTERING FOEY THE PACHYDERM TOSSED ONE CAT--
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AND THEN COLLAPSED IN DEATH, TOO WEAK TO RESIST THE RENDING FANGS OF THE OTHER!
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BUT THE PRIMEVAL VICTOR TURNED IMMEDIATELY AWAY FROM HIS KILL-- HE WAS ALARMED BY THE SCENT OF MODERN MAN!

"THE TIGER HAS SPOTTED US," SAID THE APE-MAN GRIMLY. "GET YOUR PISTOLS READY!"
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THE NATURALISTS OBEYED BUT SOON CRIED OUT IN DESPAIR— THEIR WEAPONS WERE STILL WATER-SOAKED!
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AND SO, TARZAN STOOD ALONE BEFORE THIS CROUCHING, SLINKING MONSTER OF THE FAST, AND CALMLY FITTED AN ARROW TO HIS BOW...
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ALONE AND UNPAUNTED, TARZAN FACED THE ANGRY CHALLENGE OF A SABER-TOOTH TIGER.
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QUICKLY, ACCURATELY, HE FIRED AN ARROW FROM HIS BOW--
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BUT TO NO AVAIL -- THE BEAST SOARED HIDEOUSLY AND SPRANG, INCENSED BY THE FUNNY SHAFT THAT PIERCED ITS TOUGH HIDE!
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TWISTING VIOLENTLY, TARZAN AVOIDED THE TIGER'S CHARGE
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THEN DRAWING HIS KNIFE, HE LEAPED TOWARD THE BRUTE WITH FELINE AGILITY
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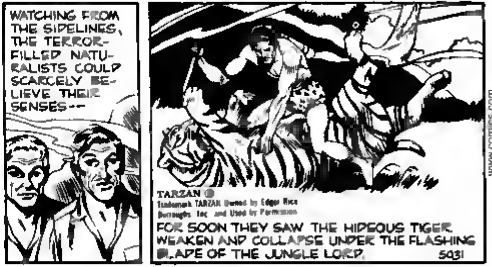
THUS THE ENEMIES CLASHED, SNARLING, SLASHING, STRIKING--TWO GRIM CONTESTANTS IN A PRIMEVAL BATTLE FOR LIFE!


WATCHING FROM THE SIDELINES, THE TERROR-FILLED NATURALISTS COULD SCARCELY BELIEVE THEIR SENSES--
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FOR SOON THEY SAW THE HIDEOUS TIGER WEAKEN AND COLLAPSE UNDER THE FLASHING BLADE OF THE JUNGLE LORD.
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THEN TARZAN ROSE, BLOOD-SPLATTERED AND VICTORIOUS--- AND THE CRY OF THE BULL APE RESOUNDED OVER THE VALLEY!
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AFTER HIS ORDEAL WITH THE TIGER, THE VICTORIOUS APEMAN REJOINED HIS COMPANIONS.
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"YOU'RE INCREDIBLE!" GASPED SUTTON. "I'M SURE NOW THAT WE CAN SURVIVE IN THIS FANTASTIC WORLD—"
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BUT THE PROFESSOR'S OPTIMISM DISSIPATED WHEN THE ADVENTURERS WERE SUDDENLY ECLIPSED BY A GROTESQUE AND SINISTER SHADOW!
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THE THREE MEN LOOKED TO THE SKY, SHUDDERING IN HORROR WHEN THEY SAW A MONSTROUS FLYING REPTILE!
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"IT IS A PTERODACTYL!" SHOUTED SUTTON. "ONE OF THE MOST VICIOUS AND AGGRESSIVE--"
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BUT HIS WORDS WERE SOON SMOTHERED BY AN ANGRY HISS AS THE PINOSAUR INSTANTLY PLUNGED DOWN TOWARD ITS PREY!
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THE PTERODACTYL STRUCK SO QUICKLY THAT THERE WAS NO TIME FOR DEFENSE SHARP TALONS BURIED INTO TARZAN'S FLESH--
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AND THEN, SHRIEKING IN TRIUMPH, THE CREATURE FLAPPED ITS WINGS AND BORE THE APEMAN SKYWARD!
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A HIDEOUS FLYING DINOSAUR, A PTERODACTYL, SWEPT TARZAN INTO THE AIR AND AWAY FROM HIS STARTLED COMPANIONS!
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Joe Musial and Dan Spiegle

"HE'LL BE DASHED TO THE GROUND!" MOANED FINCH
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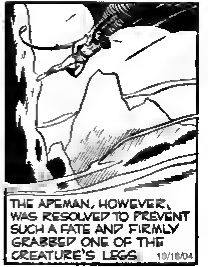
THE APEMAN, HOWEVER, WAS RESOLVED TO PREVENT SUCH A FATE AND FIRMLY GRABBED ONE OF THE CREATURE'S LEGS.
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TARZAN'S WINGED ABDUCTOR FLEW TOWARD A MOUNTAIN PEAK AND THEN BEGAN A SLOW, SPIRAL DESCENT.
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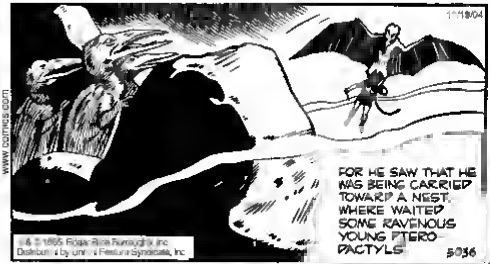
DETERMINEDLY, NOW, THE APEMAN UNSHEATHED HIS KEEN HUNTING KNIFE--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FOR HE SAW THAT HE WAS BEING CARRIED TOWARD A NEST, WHERE WAITED SOME RAVENOUS YOUNG PTERODACTYLS
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AS THE DINOSAUR FINALLY HOVERED OVER ITS NEST, TARZAN STRUCK OUT WITH HIS KNIFE!
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THE PTERODACTYL SCREAMED AND COLLAPSED DROPPING ITS PREY--
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WHO THEN LEAPED UP AND SCRAMBLED AWAY, BARELY ELUDING THE JAWS OF THE SAVAGE NESTLINGS!
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TARZAN NOW BEGAN A PRECARIOUS DESCENT OF THE PANGEROUS ROCKY SUMMIT
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HE SOON EMERGED UPON A DOWNWARD, WINDING TRAIL BUT THIS GOOD FORTUNE WAS SHORT-LIVED--
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FOR HIS PATH WAS ABRUPTLY BLOCKED BY ANOTHER HIDEOUS CREATURE OF THE PAST-- A CAVE BEAR!
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THE MONSTROUS BEAR BELLOWED AND CHARGED, IGNORING THE ARROWS THAT WERE RAPIDLY FIRED FROM TARZANS BOW.
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CLOSER NOW, THE ENRAGED BRUTE REARED UP TO HUG AND CRUSH ITS ENEMY.
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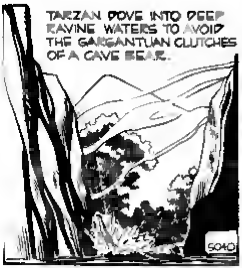
BUT TARZAN QUICKLY LEAPED OFF THE CLIFF AND DOVE DOWN TOWARD A WATER-FILLED GORGE BELOW!


TARZAN DOVE INTO DEEP RAVINE WATERS TO AVOID THE GARGANTUAN CLUTCHES OF A CAVE BEAR.
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AFTER RISING TO THE SURFACE HE SHOULDERED HIS BOW AND SWAM TOWARD THE NEAREST GROUND.
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SOON HE CLAMBERED ONTO THE SHORE WHERE HE MADE AN ASTOUNDING DISCOVERY-- THERE BEFORE HIM, PERFECTLY MOLDED IN MUD WAS A HUMAN FOOTPRINT!
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TARZAN PAUSED BY THE BANKS OF A RIVER AND STUDIED A STRANGE, HUMAN-LIKE FOOTPRINT.
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THEN HE APPROACHED THE FRINGES OF THE NEARBY JUNGLE, CAUTIOUSLY, FOR A PECULIAR SCENT ASSAILED HIS NOSTRILS--

THE APEMAN SUDDENLY STOPPED, GASPING IN ASTONISHMENT, WHEN SOME BUSHES RUSTLED---
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AND A FANTASTIC FIGURE CONFRONTED HIM, WIELDING A HUGE CLUB!
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SOON MORE HAIRY CREATURES STEPPED OUT OF HIDING AND SURROUNDED TARZAN. HERE WAS A WEIRD ELEMENT OF THE LOST WORLD--- CAVE MEN!
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A BIG HULKING BRUTE STRODE FORWARD SNARLING "I AM GARTH, MIGHTY FIGHTER-- THE KING!"
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"I AM TARZAN," REPLIED THE JUNGLE LORD WARILY- "I COME AS A FRIEND."
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THE BEAST-MAN GRIPPED HIS WAR CLUB AND DROOLED "GARTH HAS NO FRIENDS--I KILL!"
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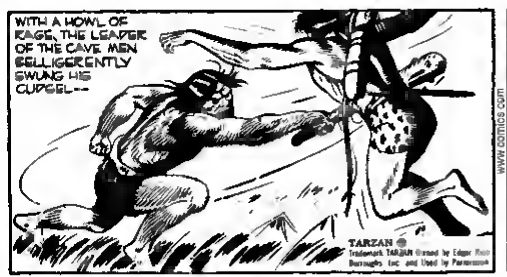
WITH A HOWL OF RAGE, THE LEADER OF THE CAVE MEN BELLIGERENTLY SWUNG HIS CUDGEL--
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BUT THE AGILE JUNGLE LORD DODGED THE BLOW AND QUICKLY TACKLED GARTH, SLAMMING HIM TO THE GROUND!
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GRIMLY, SILENTLY, THE TWO ENEMIES LOCKED IN MORTAL COMBAT.
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GARTH, BEAST-LIKE, TRIED TO SINK HIS TEETH INTO TARZAN'S JUGULAR--
BUT THE APEMAN TWISTED FREE AND CLAMPED HIS STEEL-LIKE ARMS ABOUT THE CAVE MAN'S NECK-- TIGHTER AND TIGHTER BECAME THE GRIP--
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GARTH WAS FORCED TO SURRENDER TO THE BRUTE STRENGTH OF THE JUNGLE LORD. THE OTHERS LOOKED ON IN AMAZEMENT
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A FEW THOUGHT OF ATTACKING THIS STRANGE MALE, BUT A QUICK LOOK AT THEIR SUBDUED LEADER AND THEIR MINDS WERE CHANGED--
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THEY SUDDENLY BOWED DOWN IN COMPLETE SUBJUGATION TO THE NEW KING OF THE CAVE MEN!
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TARZAN PREPARING HIMSELF IN BATTLE AND THUS DISCOVERS HIM TO BE KING OF THE CAVE MEN. HE LEFT THE TRIBE IN A HUNTING EXPEDITION
FOR SEVERAL DAYS HE TRAVELED AT THE HEAD OF THE GROUP. GAETH WAS JEALOUS AT FIRST—
BUT HE SOON LOST LONG HOUR AFTER HOUR WHEN HE CONTINUALLY BENEFITED FROM TARZAN'S MARKSMANSHIP!
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TARZAN DEFEATED GARTH IN BATTLE AND THUS SUCCEEDED HIM AS KING OF THE CAVE MEN. HE LED THE TRIBE IN A HUNTING EXPEDITION.
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FOR SEVERAL DAYS HE TRAVELED AT THE HEAD OF THE GROUP. GARTH WAS JEALOUS AT FIRST—
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BUT HE COULD NOT LONG HOLD A GRUDGE WHEN HE CONTINUALLY BESTED FROM TARZAN'S MARKSMANSHIP!

ONE DAY TARZAN AND GARTH HUNTED ALONG STALKING THEIR TALL, FEARLESS IN SEARCH OF CHORUS GANG
TARZAN
SUDDENLY, HOWEVER... THEY BOTH HALTED, TRANSFIXED IN AWE—
BIG THING, LOOMING BEFORE THEM, WAS A DINOSAUR OF HUGE AND IMPRE-CEDENTED PROPORTIONS—A PROCREATOR!

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ONE DAY TARZAN AND GARETH HUNTED ALONE, STALKING THROUGH TALL GRASSES IN SEARCH OF CHOICE GAME.
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SUDDENLY, HOWEVER, THEY BOTH HALTED, TRANSFIXED IN AWE--
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FOR THERE, LOOMING BEFORE THEM, WAS A DINOSAUR OF HUGE AND HIDEOUS PROPORTIONS--A TRICERATOP!
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THE HUGE DINOSAUR SNORTED, PACED NERVOUSLY ABOUT. "HE ACTS MORE LIKE THE HUNTED THAN THE HUNTER," WHISPERED TARZAN.
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"YES," LAMENTED GARTH. "AND SOON WE WILL BE HUNTER, TOO. SEE WHAT COMES."
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ABRUPTLY, A BAND OF FANTASTIC CREATURES SWEPT ACROSS THE PLAINS-- STRANGELY ATTIRED MEN MOUNTED ON CHARGING LIZARDS!
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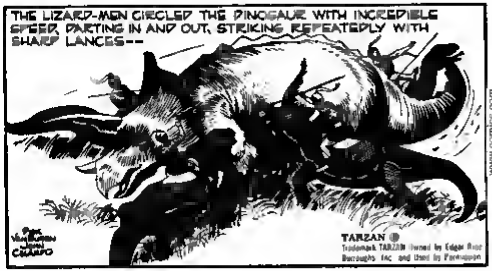
THE LIZARD-MEN CIRCLED THE DINOSAUR WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED, DARTING IN AND OUT, STRIKING REPEATEDLY WITH SHARP LANCES--
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UNTIL THE CLUMSY BRUTE BELLOWED HELPLESSLY AND COLLAPSED TO THE GROUND!

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THE LEADER NOW WHEELED HIS MOUNT AROUND FOR HE HAD SPOTTED ANOTHER QUARRY!
SOON!

"THEY HAVE SEEN US!" CRIED TARZAN, FITTING AN ARROW TO HIS BOW.
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"WAIT," ADVISED GARTH. "THEY ARE TOO MANY AND TOO FAST. THERE IS NO CHANCE NOW--"
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"QUITE RIGHT!" SNEERED THE LEADER, AS ALREADY THE LIZARD-MEN WHIRLED UP AND SURROUNDED THEM WITH THEIR LANCES POISED!

"DROP YOUR WEAPONS AND CLIMB UP BEHIND TWO OF MY MEN," SNARLED THE LEADER.
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BIDING TIME, TARZAN AND GARTH SULLENLY DID AS THEY WERE TOLD.
THUS BEGAN A WEIRD PROCESSION AS THE LIZARD-MEN GUIDED THEIR CAPTIVES TOWARD A COLD AND MERCILESS FATE.
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HELPLESS AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS, TARZAN AND GAITH WERE CAPTURED BY A WEIRD BAND OF LIZARD-MEN
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REPTILIAN MOUNTS CARRIED THEM PAST THE FRINGES OF JUNGLE TOWARD A LARGE LAKE, WHERE--
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THEY ENTERED A CRUDE CAVE VILLAGE AND WERE SUBJECTED TO STINGING TAUNTS FROM THE INHABITANTS.
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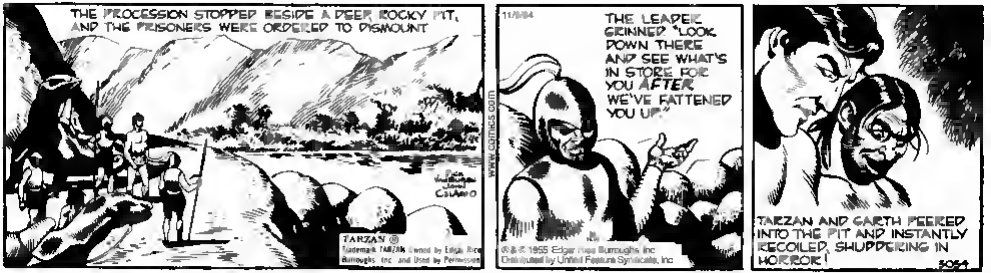
THE PROCESSION STOPPED BESIDE A DEEP, ROCKY PIT, AND THE PRISONERS WERE ORDERED TO DISMOUNT
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THE LEADER GRINNED "LOOK DOWN THERE AND SEE WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU AFTER WE'VE FATTENED YOU UP."
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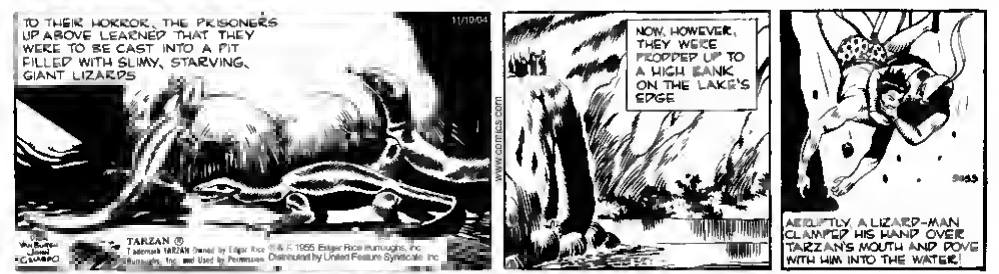
TARZAN AND GARTH PEERED INTO THE PIT AND INSTANTLY RECOILED, SHUDDERING IN HORROR!


TO THEIR HORROR, THE PRISONERS UP ABOVE LEARNED THAT THEY WERE TO BE CAST INTO A PIT FILLED WITH SLIMY, STARVING, GIANT LIZARDS
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NOW, HOWEVER, THEY WERE PROPPED UP TO A HIGH BANK ON THE LAKE'S EDGE
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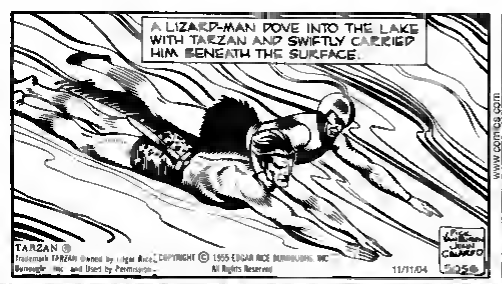
AERIALLY, A LIZARD-MAN CLAMPED HIS HAND OVER TARZAN'S MOUTH AND DOVE WITH HIM INTO THE WATER!


A LIZARD-MAN DOVE INTO THE LAKE WITH TARZAN AND SWIFTLY CARRIED HIM BENEATH THE SURFACE.
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GARTH, TOO, WAS CARRIED BELOW IN THE SAME MANNER AND DRAGGED TOWARD A LARGE HOLE
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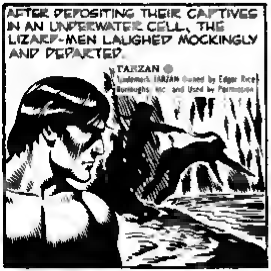
THEY ROSE NOW, EMERGING ON THE BANKS OF A DARK AND GLOOMY CAVERN— THIS WAS WHERE THEY WERE TO BE FATTENED FOR SLAUGHTER!


AFTER DEPOSITING THEIR CAPTIVES IN AN UNDERWATER CELL, THE LIZARD-MEN LAUGHED MOCKINGLY AND DEPARTED.
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TARZAN AND GARETH, HOWEVER, WERE NOT ALONE--
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BUT BEFORE HE COULD WARN HIS COMPANION, THEY WERE TACKLED BY TWO GRIM AND DETERMINED FIGURES
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FOUR FIGURES LOCKED IN COMBAT BUT TARZAN WAS QUICK TO CALL OUT AS A FAMILIAR SCENT ASSAILED HIS NOSTRILS
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ABRUPTLY ON RECOGNIZING HIS VOICE, THE ATTACKERS CEASED FIGHTING— HERE WERE THE NATURALISTS PROFESSOR SUTTON AND PAUL FINCH!
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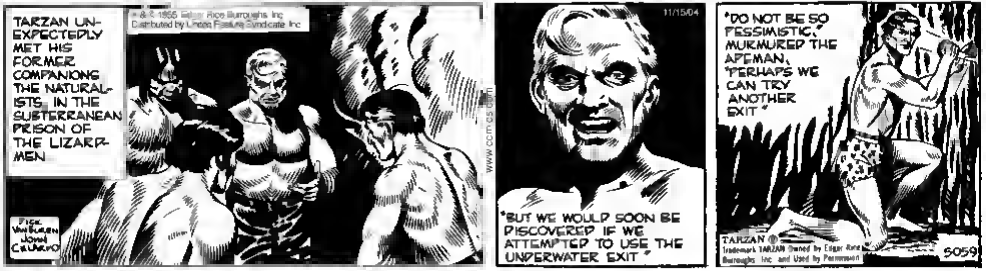
TARZAN UNEXPECTEDLY MET HIS FORMER COMPANIONS THE NATURALISTS, IN THE SUBTERRANEAN PRISON OF THE LIZARMEN.
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"BUT WE WOULD SOON BE DISCOVERED IF WE ATTEMPTED TO USE THE UNDERWATER EXIT"
"DO NOT BE SO PESSIMISTIC," MURMURED THE APEMAN. "PERHAPS WE CAN TRY ANOTHER EXIT."
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"I HAVE TESTED THESE WALLS AND THEY ARE SOFT," SAID TARZAN. "WE COULD DIG A TUNNEL--"
"IT MIGHT WORK," EXCLAIMED PAUL FINCH. "IF WE COULD REACH THE JUNGLE WITHOUT BEING DISCOVERED--"
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THUS THE MEN BEGAN THEIR PROJECT, FIRED BY THE ENTHUSIASM OF A CHANCE FOR FREEDOM!
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FOR DAYS, THE PRISONERS DUG AND SCRAPED THEIR WAY THROUGH THE EARTH, TENSELY, APPREHENSIVELY--
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UNTIL THEY AT LAST WERE READY TO CUT UPWARD TO THE SURFACE

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BUT DISASTER THREATENED, FOR A LIZARD-MAN WAS STATIONED AT A POINT WHERE, SOON, SOME STRANGERS WOULD COME UP OUT OF THE EARTH NEARBY!
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A LIZARD-MAN WHO WAS PATROLLING THE PERIPHERY OF HIS VILLAGE, SUDDENLY TURNED AS HE NOTED A STRANGE OCCURRENCE--
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THE BARE GROUND PARTED AND EXPOSED A HAND WIELDING A KNIFE!
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SO, WHILE A BAND OF HAPPY, GRIMY MEN PREPARED TO FOLLOW TARZAN FROM THEIR PRISON, A GUARD HURRIED TO SOUND THE ALARM!
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THE JUBILANT FUGITIVES SCRAMBLED ONTO SOLID GROUND, BUT ONLY TO HAVE THEIR SPIRITS CRUSHED BY A DEJECTED CRY FROM PAUL FINCH.
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EVERYONE TURNED IN ALARM, AND ONCE MORE SAW THE TERRIBLE LIZARD-MEN CHARGING FORWARD ON THEIR SLIMY MOUNTS--THIS TIME DESTRUCTION-BOUND!
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THE FOUR MEN DESPERATELY FLED TOWARD THE JUNGLE IN HOPES THAT THE UNDERGROWTH WOULD CHECK THEIR ENEMY--
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BUT JUST AS THEY REACHED THE FRINGES OF SAFETY, PROFESSOR SUTTON STUMBLED AND FELL!
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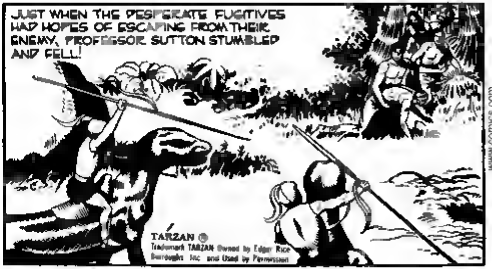
ABRUPTLY, THE NEAREST LIZARD-MAN SCREAMED IN TRIUMPH AND AIMED HIS SPEAR FOR THE KILL!


JUST WHEN THE PESPICARATE FUGITIVES HAD HOPES OF ESCAPING FROM THEIR ENEMY, PROFESSOR SUTTON STUMBLED AND FELL!
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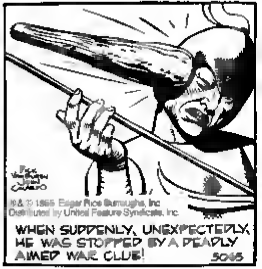
A VENGEFUL LIZARD-MAN SPURRED HIS MOUNT AND MOVED IN FOR THE KILL--


WHEN SUDDENLY, UNEXPECTEDLY, HE WAS STOPPED BY A PEAPLY AIMED WAR CLUB!
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TO EVERYONE'S STUNNED SURPRISE, ONE OF THE LIZARD-MEN WAS FELLED BY A FLYING WAR CLUB.
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THEN THERE RESOUNDED A BLOOD-CURDLING CRY AS A CAVE MAN LEAPED OUT FROM THE FOREST--

CONFIDENCE-FILLED BY THE TIMELY ARRIVAL OF GAETH'S TRIBE, THE FUGITIVES HURLED THEMSELVES AT THE LIZARD-MEN.
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AND MOST INSPIRED OF ALL WAS THE APE-MAN, WHO WITH FLASHING BLADE SLASHED MADLY AT HIS HATEFUL ENEMY.
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A BLOODY BATTLE RAGED, AND IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF MINUTES BEFORE THE ENEMY FLED IN CONFUSION AND DISORDER.
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"WE WERE LUCKY," GASPED TARZAN, "THAT GARTH'S PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED—"
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"YES," SAID PAUL FINCH, "BUT LET'S NOT PRESS OUR LUCK—WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THIS AREA."

EARTH AND HIS TRIBE ESCORTED THE WHITE MEN TO THE BASE OF FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS, THEN DEPARTED
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"WE HAVE A PROBLEM," MUSED TARZAN. "IT'S CERTAIN THAT WE CAN'T RETURN THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND RIVER--"
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"THEREFORE THE ONLY ANSWER IS TO CLIMB OVER THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAINS!"

FOR MANY LONG HOURS, TARZAN AND HIS COMPANIONS SCALED THE PERILOUS PEAKS OF THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS.
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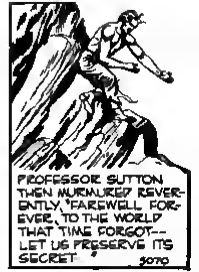
FINALLY, HOWEVER, THEY CLAMBERED TO THE SUMMIT WITHOUT MISHAP


PROFESSOR SUTTON THEN MURMURED REVERENTLY, "FAREWELL, FOREVER, TO THE WORLD THAT TIME FORGOT— LET US PRESERVE ITS SECRET"
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TARZAN AND HIS COMPANIONS DESCENDED THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAINS, AWAY FROM THE FANTASTIC WORLD THAT TIME FORGOT.
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THE SMALL GROUP TREKKED WESTWARD TOWARD THE COAST.

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FINALLY THEY ARRIVED AT A SEAPORT TRADING STATION, FROM WHERE THE NATURALISTS COULD SAIL FOR HOME.
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THE THREE ADVENTURERS ENTERED A PORT THAT BUSTLED WITH ACTIVITY AND EXCITEMENT, FOR A FREIGHTER WAS DUE TO DOCK.
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"WHAT A LUCKY COINCIDENCE!" EXCLAIMED SUTTON. "COME ON, PAUL, LET'S TRY AND BOOK PASSAGE."
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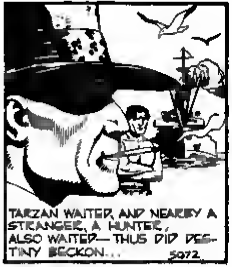
TARZAN WAITED, AND NEARBY A STRANGER, A HUNTER, ALSO WAITED—THUS DID DESTINY BECKON...
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TICKET ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE BY THE TIME THE FREIGHTER DOCKED AND TARZAN BADE FAREWELL TO HIS FRIENDS
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HE WATCHED NOW AS A PASSENGER EMERGED FROM THE SHIP. THE MAN GLANCED ABOUT INQUISITIVELY---
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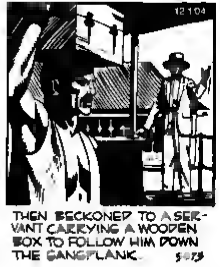

THE PASSENGER FROM THE SHIP DIRECTLY APPROACHED THE HUNTER. "YOU ARE JACK KELLY?" HE ASKED. KELLY NODDED.
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"THEN HERE IS A CONSIGNMENT SENT BY YOUR CLIENT--- YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS FOR---"
"HE REGRETS THAT HE CANNOT ACCOMPANY YOU, BUT THAT SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE SUCCESS OF YOUR HUNT."
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"HERE IS THE ADDRESS WHERE YOU ARE TO SEND THE SPOILS OF YOUR HUNT," CONTINUED THE MAN. TARZAN ®

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"BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW MY CLIENT'S NAME," PROTESTED KELLY. "WHAT DIFFERENCE?" SNAPPED HIS COMPANION. "WEREN'T YOU PAID IN ADVANCE?"

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ABRUPTLY, WITH A SNORT OF DISGUST, THE STRANGER TURNED AND STRODE BACK UP THE GANGPLANK TOWARD THE FREIGHTER.

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TARZAN'S CURIOSITY WAS AROUSED BY THE UNUSUAL CONDITIONS OF JACK KELLY'S BUSINESS TRANSACTION.
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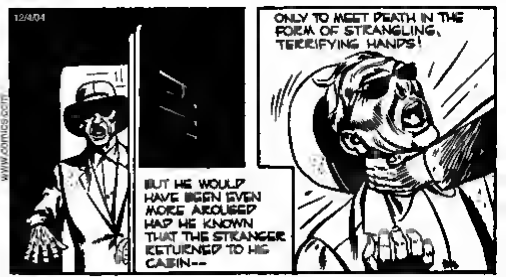
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BUT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE AROUSED HAD HE KNOWN THAT THE STRANGER RETURNED TO HIS CABIN--
ONLY TO MEET DEATH IN THE FORM OF STRANGLING, TERRIFYING HANDS!

MYSTERY DEEPENED WHEN THE PASSENGER WHO HAD CONFERRED WITH JACK KELLY WAS STRANGLED IN HIS STATEROOM.
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AND NOW, BACK ON THE DOCK, THE HUNTER DECIDED TO INSPECT THE BOX THE HAPLESS MAN HAD LEFT.
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HE FOUND NOTHING BUT A CHEAP COLLECTION OF COSTUME JEWELRY— AND THIS, INCREDIBLY, HAD BEEN A MOTIVE FOR MURDER...

KELLY QUESTIONED TARZAN ABOUT THE JEWELRY. "COULD THIS JUNK POSSIBLY APPEAL TO AN ARAB?" THE APE-MAN SMILED. "IT MIGHT- WHY?"
"I'M SUPPOSED TO USE IT AS A BRIBE," REPLIED JACK. "MY CLIENT WANTS ME TO SHOOT A RHINO—"
"THE ONLY ONES AROUND ARE IN BEN ABEEN'S TERRITORY--- AND HE IS VERY HOSTILE TOWARD TRESPASSERS."
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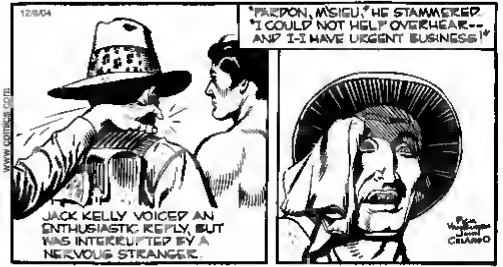
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"FREDON, M'SIEU," HE STAMMERED. "I COULD NOT HELP OVERHEAR-- AND I-I HAVE URGENT BUSINESS!"
JACK KELLY VOICED AN ENTHUSIASTIC REPLY, BUT WAS INTERRUPTED BY A NERVOUS STRANGER.
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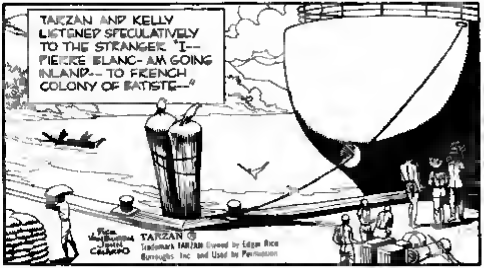
TARZAN AND KELLY LISTENED SPECULATIVELY TO THE STRANGER. "I-- PIERRE BLANC- AM GOING INLAND-- TO FRENCH COLONY OF BATISTE--"
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"THERE IS A NURSE AT THE HOSPITAL-- MY FIANCEE," HE BLUSHED. "IF I COULD--"
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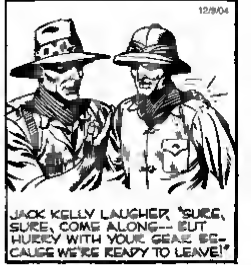
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JACK KELLY LAUGHED. "SURE, SURE, COME ALONG-- BUT HURRY WITH YOUR GEAR BE-- CAUSE WE'RE READY TO LEAVE!"

THE TWO MEN WATCHED AS PIERRE BLANC GOT HIS THINGS TOGETHER. "I WONDER," SAID TARZAN SOFTLY, "IF WE'RE MAKING A MISTAKE."
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"WHY?" ASKED JACK, SURPRISED. "HE'S ONLY A SIMPLE, LOVESICK FOOL."
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"I SUPPOSE SO," MURMURED THE APEMAN. "IT'S JUST THAT I'VE FEELINGS OF IMPENDING DISASTER!"
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JACK KELLY DISMISSED TARZAN'S QUALMS AND CALLED FOR THE SAFARI TO GET UNDER WAY.
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HE ORDERED ONE OF HIS BEARERS TO PICK UP THE WOODEN BOX--
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THE MYSTERIOUS BOX OF COSTLY JEWELRY THAT WAS TO LEAVE A TRAIL OF BLOOD AND DEATH IN ITS WAKE . . .
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DAYS PASSED AND TARZAN, JACK KELLY AND THE NEWCOMER, PIERRE BLANC, TREKKED STEADILY THROUGH THE JUNGLE.
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FINALLY THEY EMERGED INTO VAST, OPEN COUNTRY. "BE ALERT NOW," WARNED THE APEMAN. "WE HAVE REACHED ENEMY TERRITORY."
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A WELL-DESERVED WARNING -- FOR THEY WERE ALREADY BEING WATCHED BY CRUEL, SCOWLING EYES!
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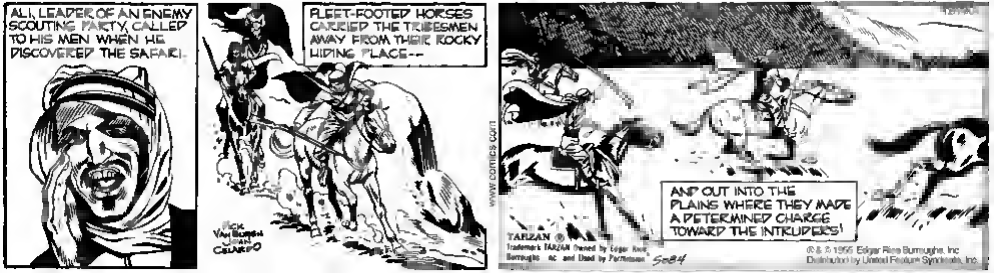
ALI, LEADER OF AN ENEMY SCOUTING PARTY, CALLED TO HIS MEN WHEN HE DISCOVERED THE SAFARI.
FLEET-FOOTED HORSES CARRIED THE TRIBESMEN AWAY FROM THEIR ROCKY HIDING PLACE--
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AND OUT INTO THE PLAINS WHERE THEY MADE A DETERMINED CHARGE TOWARD THE INTRUDERS!
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IN A MATTER OF MINUTES A SCREAMING HORDE CLOSED IN ON THE BEWILDERED SAFARI PARTY.
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"STEADY," WHISPERED TARZAN. "THEY WON'T NEED MUCH PROVOCATION TO SHOOT US."
ALI THEN CONFRONTED THE MEN, SNEERING, "SPEAK WELL, SWINE--YOUR LIVES DEPEND ON IT!"
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THE JUNGLE LORD SPOKE CALMLY, "TAKE US TO BEN ABEN. WE WISH TO GAIN PERMISSION TO HUNT IN THIS TERRITORY"
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"YES," ADDED JACK. "IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT BECAUSE TARZAN IS A FRIEND OF--"
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"QUIET!" ROARED ALI-- AND THEN, EMPHATICALLY, HE STRUCK KELLY WITH HIS RIFLE BUTT!
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BLIND WITH RAGE, JACK LEAPED FORWARD AND REPAID ALI FOR HIS BRUTAL BLOW.
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TENSION MOUNTED, FOR TARZAN SAW THE ENEMY GRIP HIS RIFLE WITH MURDEROUS DESIGN--
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BUT HE WAS STOPPED BY ONE OF HIS MEN. "WAIT, ALI -- IF THIS TARZAN IS REALLY A FRIEND, THE SHEIK WOULD HAVE YOUR HEAD."

KEEPING THE ADVICE OF HIS MEN, ALI SEEMED TO DISMISS HIS WRATH FOR KELLY AND AGREED TO LEAD THE GROUP TO THE SHEIK.
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"TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE," MUTTERED PIERRE BLANC NERVOUSLY "I'M GLAD THAT THREAT IS OVER."
"IT ISN'T OVER," REPLIED TARZAN. "I'M AFRAID JACK HAS MADE A BITTER ENEMY"
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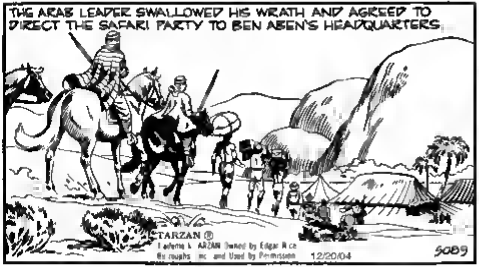
THE ARAB LEADER SWALLOWED HIS WRATH AND AGREED TO DIRECT THE SAFARI PARTY TO BEN ABEN'S HEADQUARTERS.
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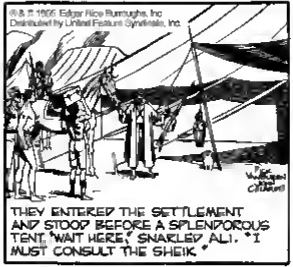
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THEY ENTERED THE SETTLEMENT AND STOOD BEFORE A SPLENDOROUS TENT. "WAIT HERE," SNARLED ALI. "I MUST CONSULT THE SHEIK."

PIERRE SPOKE, SHUDDERING. "THAT ALI — I AM WORRIED FOR YOU, M'SIEU KELLY." JACK SHRUGGED "I'LL BE CAREFUL."

A FRUSTRATED ALI SOON EMERGED FROM THE ROYAL TENT. "YOU MAY GO IN," HE MUTTERED.
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KELLY MOTIONED TO THE NATIVE BEARING THE BOX OF COSTUME JEWELRY, THEN FOLLOWED HIS COMPANIONS INSIDE--

THERE THEY FACED AN IMPRESSIVE ELEGANT FIGURE--HERE WAS THE POWERFUL SHEIK BEN ABEN
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"GREETINGS, ABEN," SAID TARZAN RESPECTFULLY. "IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME." THE SHEIK NODDED. "YES, MY FRIEND, AND THINGS HAVE CHANGED--"
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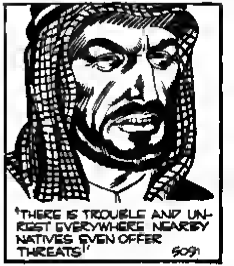
"I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR ALI'S HOSTILITY, BUT WE ARE ALL A BIT JUMPY NOW--"


"THERE IS TROUBLE AND UNREST EVERYWHERE NEARBY NATIVES EVEN OFFER THREATS!"
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BEN ABEN SPAT CONTEMPTUOUSLY. "BUT ENOUGH TALK ABOUT NEK-VOUS NATIVES. LET US GET TO YOUR PROJECT—"
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"WHO IS THE MAN WHO WISHES TO HUNT RHINO?" KELLY SPRANG FORWARD "I AM, GREAT SHEIK—"
"AND I HAVE BROUGHT A GIFT FROM MY CLIENT," TARZAN COUGHED DISCREETLY, "ABEN, DO NOT TAKE THIS GIFT-- SERIOUSLY."
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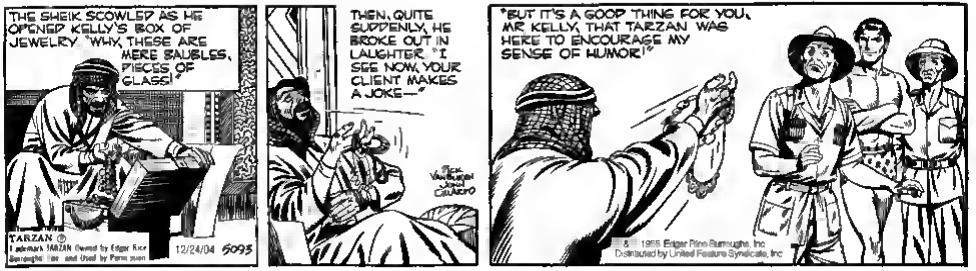
THE SHEIK SCOWLED AS HE OPENED KELLY'S BOX OF JEWELRY "WHY, THESE ARE MERE BAUBLES, PIECES OF GLASS!"
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THEN, QUITE SUDDENLY, HE BROKE OUT IN LAUGHTER. "I SEE NOW, YOUR CLIENT MAKES A JOKE—"
"BUT IT'S A GOOD THING FOR YOU, MR. KELLY, THAT TARZAN WAS HERE TO ENCOURAGE MY SENSE OF HUMOR!"
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THE INTERVIEW WITH TEN ABEEN ENDED SATISFACTORILY AND THE THREE MEN WERE CONDUCTED TO GUEST QUARTERS.
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"I PRESUME YOU WILL START OUT TOMORROW," TARZAN SAID TO JACK. "I WOULD LIKE TO GO ALONG—"
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"AND I," VENTURED PIERRE. "I AM MORE CURIOUS THAN SCARED ABOUT THIS RHINO HUNT— I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO GO."

TARZAN AND PIERRE BLANC HAD EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO JOIN KELLY ON HIS RHINO HUNT.
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JACK READILY AGREED, "GOOD ENOUGH, BUT LET'S THINK OF SLEEPING NOW--I'M EXHAUSTED."
AND INDEED HE WAS EXHAUSTED-- FOR LATER, HE FAILED TO NOTICE THAT A STEALTHY, CREEPING FIGURE TAMPERED WITH HIS EQUIPMENT!
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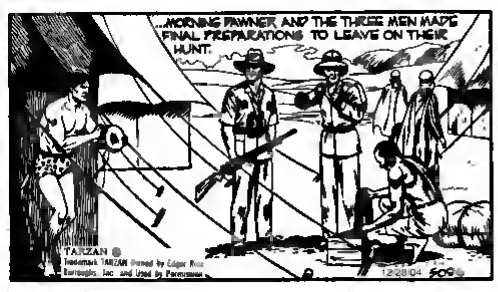
...MORNING FAWNER AND THE THREE MEN MADE FINAL PREPARATIONS TO LEAVE ON THEIR HUNT.
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BEFORE LONG THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY... NONE OF THE ENEMY PAID ANY ATTENTION TO THEIR ACTIVITIES---
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NO ONE, THAT IS, EXCEPT A SMOLDERING AND RESENTFUL ALI!

TARZAN WAS SOON RECOGNIZED AS THE SUPERIOR BUSH CRAFTSMAN AND LED HIS COMPANIONS ACROSS THE PLAINS
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AFTER HOURS OF SEARCH, THE GROUP PEERED OUT FROM A ROCK-RIBBED HILL AND ABRUPTLY FROZE
FOR THERE AHEAD, EARS ERECT, TAIL TWITCHING NERVOUSLY, WAS A MAGNIFICENT BRUTE RHINOCEROS!
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JACK KELLY INTERVENED WHEN THE RHINO WAS SPOTTED "THIS HAS TO BE MY SHOW--" HE WHISPERED
"WE'RE DOWNWIND, SO I CAN MOVE IN FOR A SURE SHOT, AND DON'T WORRY-- I'VE DROPPED THOSE BABIES AT TEN YARDS!"
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TARZAN AND PIERRE NODDED THEIR APPROVAL. CAUTIOUSLY THEN, AND SILENTLY, THE HUNTER BEGAN TO STALK HIS QUARRY.
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BUTO, THE RHINOCEROS, NERVOUS AND DEFIANT, WHEELED ABOUT AND PAWED THE DRY EARTH.

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ABRUPTLY, HE SNORTED! LATHER FROM HIS ANGRY NOSTRILS AND GALLOPED FORWARD!

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FOR THE WIND HAD CHANGED, AND HIS ACUTE SENSES HAD DETECTED A DEADLY ENEMY--- MAN!

AS THE RHINO CHARGED THE HUNTER WAITED CALMLY
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BUT WHEN HE DID NOT SHOOT AT FIVE YARDS, TARZAN AND PIERRE GASPED IN HORROR!
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AND THEN, INCREDIBLY, JACK KELLY WAS CRUSHED BENEATH TWO TONS OF ARMOR-PLATED FURY!

TARZAN'S GROUP WATCHED, HORRIFIED, AS JACK KELLY WAS KILLED BY A CHARGING RHINO BEFORE HE COULD FIRE A SHOT.
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QUICKLY THE APEMAN RACED OVER AND PICKED UP THE HUNTER'S RIFLE.
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HE HAD EXPECTED TO FIND SOME CLUE TO THE DISASTER, BUT THE WEAPON WAS HOPELESSLY TWISTED AND SMASHED.
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IN A FIT OF DESPAIR, TARZAN TURNED ON THE SEARER. "WHY DIDN'T KELLY SHOOT?" HE GROWLED. "DID YOU--"
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"NO, BWANA, NO!" SCREAMED THE NATIVE. "PLEASE, I KNOW NOTHING!"
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TARZAN HESITATED, THEN RELEASED THE TREMBLING WARRIOR. "VERY WELL," HE SAID LISTLESSLY. "LET LIS BURY JACK AND REPORT BACK."
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AFTER KELLY'S BURIAL, TARZAN AND PIERRE RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE, INTERRUPTING A CONFERENCE BETWEEN ALI AND THE SHEIK.
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BEN ABEN WAS AT FIRST ANNOYED, THEN GENUINELY SYMPATHETIC WHEN HE HEARD OF KELLY'S DEATH
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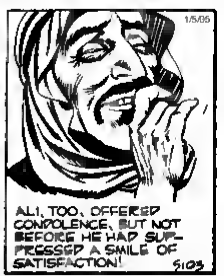
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ALI, TOO, OFFERED CONDOLENCE, BUT NOT BEFORE HE HAD SUPPRESSED A SMILE OF SATISFACTION!
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"IT DOES SEEM STRANGE," CONTEMPLATED THE SHEIK, "THAT YOUR FRIEND DID NOT EVEN FIRE AT THE RHINO--"
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Pick Your Pockets Since CHAD!
"OF COURSE!" REPLIED TARZAN. "AND HE WAS AN EXPERT HUNTER-- HOW COULD ANYTHING GO WRONG, UNLESS--"
"PARDON ME," INTERRUPTED PIERRE, NERVOUSLY. "I HATE TO IMPLY-- BUT MSIEU KELLY AND ALI DID HAVE THEIR--ER-- DIFFICULTIES!"
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TENSION GRIPPED THE GROUP AS ALI STROPE OVER TO THE CRINGING PIERRE, "I-I- DID NOT ACCUSE--" HE WHIMPERED
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"LYING SWINE!" ALI EXPLODED, AND QUICKLY SLAPPED THE FRENCHMAN ACROSS THE FACE--
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THEN, JUST AS QUICKLY, HE TURNED AND BOWED BEFORE THE SHEIK. "BEN ABEN," HE PLEADED. "I SWEAR MY INNOCENCE!"
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DICK VALENTINE JOHN CRANDO
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"I AM POSITIVE THAT ALI IS INNOCENT," SAID EEN AREEN, "SIMPLY BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT DARE DEFY HIS SHEIK--"
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"AFTER ALL, IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR MR. KELLY'S RIFLE TO JAM--IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN ACCIDENT."
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"PERHAPS," TARZAN MURMURED QUIETLY, "AND I'LL ACCEPT THAT THEORY--FOR NOW..."
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TARZAN FOLLOWED BEN ABEN'S ADVICE AND TEMPORARILY ACCEPTED THE THEORY THAT JACK KELLY HAD DIED BY ACCIDENT
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THEN, THOUGHTFULLY, THE SHEIK APPROACHED KELLY'S BOX OF COSTUME JEWELRY
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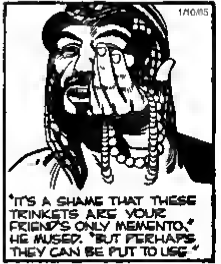
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"IT'S A SHAME THAT THESE TRINKETS ARE YOUR FRIEND'S ONLY MEMENTO," HE MUSED. "BUT PERHAPS THEY CAN BE PUT TO USE."

"CHIEF NGOTO, MY HOSTILE NEIGHBOR, WOULD VALUE THESE BAUBLES," SAID ISEN ABEN SPECULATIVELY.
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"I WILL SEND A GIFT IN HOPES THAT HE WILL KEEP HIS CUT-THROAT WARRIORS AWAY FROM MY TERRITORY."
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"YOU HAVE THREATS OF WAR?" ASKED TARZAN. "YES, AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT," REPLIED THE SHEIK, "ALL THE NATIVES ACT BEWITCHED."
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THE SHEIK CALLED HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO ALI. "PICK OUT TWO MEN TO HELP DELIVER THIS BOX TO ... OF NGOTO--"
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PICK YOU SUPER FRIEND GERARD
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"TARZAN," INTERRUPTED PIERRE, "BUT MY DESTINATION, THE COLONY OF BATISTE, IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF NGOTO'S AREA--"
"IF I COULD BE INCLUDED AS A GIFT BEARER, I--I MIGHT HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO GET THROUGH."
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"THERE HAS A GOOD IDEA," REMARKED THE APEMAN, "IN FACT I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPANY THE GIFT BEARERS."
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"BUT THERE IS NO NEED," SAID THE FRENCHMAN HASTILY, "AND BESIDES, IS YOUR BUSINESS NOT OVER?"
"PERHAPS," REPLIED TARZAN THOUGHTFULLY, "AND THEN PERHAPS IT HAS ONLY BEGUN."
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THE DETACHMENT OF GIFT BEARERS WAS SOON ORGANIZED AND TARZAN BID FAREWELL TO THE SHEIK
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THE MEN STRUCK OUT ACROSS THE PLAINS, LIGHT-HEARTED AT FIRST--
BUT TENSION HEIGHTENED WHEN THEY ENTERED THE STEAMING, SHADOWY JUNGLE--FOR HERE WAS THE REALM OF THE DANGEROUS NEGRO!
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DEEP IN THE JUNGLE, TARZAN HALTED HIS COMPANIONS. "WE'RE BEING STALKED," HE WHISPERED. "TAKE CARE--"
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ABRUPTLY, A GLEAMING SPEAR PIERCED A TREE TRUNK BY THE APEMAN'S SIDE--
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AND THEN A HORDE OF HOWLING, BLOOD-THIRSTY SAVAGES LEAPED OUT AND SURROUNDED THEIR QUARRY!
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TARZAN AND HIS COMPANION HAD NO SOONER ENTERED NGOTO'S TERRITORY WHEN THEY WERE STOPPED BY ENEMY
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"HOLD YOUR SPEARS!" CRIED THE APEMAN. "WE BRING GIFTS TO YOUR CHIEF, FROM THE SHEIK BEN ABEN."
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THE NATIVE LEAPER HESITATED, THEN NODDED, "VERY WELL— BUT MAY THE GODS HELP YOU IF YOU LIE!"

THE GIFT BEARERS WERE LED TO NGOTO'S VILLAGE WHERE THEY FACED A CROWD OF ANGRY, JEERING INHABITANTS.
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BEN ABEN'S MEN SUDDENLY HESITATED. "WE'LL NOT MINGLE WITH THAT PACK OF ENEMIES," SNARLED ONE.
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TARZAN SHRUGGED, THEN TOOK THE BOX OF JEWELS. "ALL RIGHT, PIERRE, IT'S UP TO US--LET'S GO!"
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TARZAN AND PIERRE WERE TAKEN TO THE ROYAL HUT. A GRINNING SENTRY ORDERED THEM TO ENTER--
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THE VULTURE AND CHANGO
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AND TO FACE THE IMPOSING FIGURE OF KING NGOTO!
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"A GIFT, GREAT CHIEF, TO MAINTAIN PEACE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS," SAID TARZAN SOLEMNLY. "ONLY IF I AM PLEASED!" SNAPPED NGOTO.
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NGOTO SMILED AS HE EXAMINED THE COSTUME JEWELRY. "BEN ABEEN IS A FOOL, BUT HIS GIFT PLEASES ME--"
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"THEN PERHAPS," SAID PIERRE WITH UNEXPECTED BRAVERY, "YOU WILL ALLOW US TO GO OUR WAY UNHARMED--"
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"AND PERHAPS TARZAN COULD GIVE OUR COMPANIONS A MESSAGE OF GOOD WILL TO DELIVER TO THEIR SHEIK!" NGOTO NODDED, "SO BE IT."
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TARZAN WAS ESCORTED FROM THE ROYAL HUT SO THAT HE COULD DISMISS HIS COMPANIONS FROM FURTHER DUTY--
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AND BECAUSE OF THIS HE DID NOT SEE A FANTASTIC, EVIL CHANGE THAT CAME OVER PIERRE BLANC!
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"I'M GLAD YOU LIKE THE JEWELS, NGOTO," HE WHISPERED SMUGLY, "BUT THERE IS ONE ITEM YOU CANNOT KEEP!"
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WHEN LEFT ALONG WITH NGOTO, PIERRE MADE AN OMINOUS DEMAND FOR A JEWELED NECKLACE
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THE CHIEF WAS FURIOUS. "HOW DARE YOU ACT SO BRAZEN!" HE CRIED. "WHY CAN'T I KEEP THAT NECKLACE--"
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"BECAUSE," HISSED PIERRE, "I COME TO TELL YOU THAT IT IS TIME FOR WAR-- BECAUSE THIS NECKLACE WILL PURCHASE RIFLES FOR YOUR MEN!"
DON VAN BUREN
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